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Archer to face Tory ethics inquiry

By Andrew Pierce and Dominic Kennedy

CONSERVATIVE chiefs have decided to subject Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare to the first investigation by its powerful new ethics and integrity committee if he pursues his dream of becoming Mayor of London.

The devastating blow to the millionaire novelist's campaign has been dealt by his close friend Lord Parkinson, the party chairman, who has accepted that the former MP Sir Timothy Kitson's complaints about Lord Archer's colourful past cannot go unanswered.

No formal announcement will be made, however, until Lord Archer announces his candidacy or until the party starts its selection procedure for the election next year.

Lord Parkinson's decision came as Lord Archer tried to defend himself with a pointby-point rebuttal of allegations against him in the London Evening Standard. The article appeared under the headline "Why I am fit to be mayor, but senior party officials were adamant last night that if he stays in the race he will have to endure the embarrassment of going before the three-man ethics and integrity committee set up by William Hague to prevent a repetition of the Neil Hamil-ton affair. "It is inconceivable he will not be subjected to an inquiry." one senior official

said. "It will happen." Lord Archer's supporters are confident that he will be exonerated, but they concede that his campaign will be damaged by an appearance before the committee, which will consist of a QC chairman and two senior party figures.

The prospect of a formal investigation will fuel the "Stop Archer" campaign which was begun by Sir Timothy's complaint, which was raised at the Tories new board of management on Monday. Lord Parkinson will write to Sir Timothy by the end of the week, but the formal announcement of an investigation could be months away. Mr Hague has significantly failed to come to the rescue of

Lord Archer. Tory MPs were interpreting his silence as a clear sign that the party leadership was distancing itself from the colourful author.

In his Evening Standard article, Lord Archer wrote: "Heaven knows I made mistakes in my life. I am neither genius nor saint. But perhaps future profiles might mention that over recent years I have raised more than £50 million for charity, never once claiming even my own expenses."

He later appeared at a

publicity photocall on the Thames Embankment for the charity Help The Aged and made clear that he hoped his article had closed the controversy, insisting that he had received "tremendous support" from his party.

"I hope that, having answered quickly in great detail in the Evening Standard that journalists will not come back and say to me that all this is going to go on," he said. "I hope they will say What about congestion Jeffrey? What about pollution Jeffrey? or 'What about the traffic problems of London, urban regeneration? The people out there are sick and tired of person-

ality rubbish."

He said he had been innundated with messages of support with calls from two former Tory Party chairmen and five Shadow Cabinet ministers saying "Take no notice."

But Michael Crick, who wrote an unauthorised biography of Lord Archer in which many of the allegations came to light, will resume the attack today in an article concentrating on Lord Archer's purchase and sale of 25,000 Anglia Television shares at an overnight profit of nearly \$80,000

He said: "Lord Archer's detailed article has thrown up more questions and contradictions. There is a lot more to come out." Mr Crick is also planning a television documentary on the life and times of Lord Archer before the Tories choose their candidate.

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France celebrates a hoopla Cup

Ben Macintyre in Paris witnesses

a surrealistic welcome for

the World Cup championship

World Cup yesteray with a huge street party involving hundreds of thousands of spectators. four 65ft plastic giants, a troop of rather cold Cameroonian pygmies and as much hoopla as the French could muster.

Hoopla is a French speciality. After two years of preparation and expenditure of FR50 million (£5 million), the World Cup opening parade was a dazzling peculiarly Gallic mixture of high technology, strange art, hefty symbolism and traffic jams. Only the observant or imaginative could have spotted that the event was connected to a football tournament.

From the four corners of Paris, the vast plastic giants shuffled at precisely Imph, on feet made from forklift trucks, towards the Place de la Con-World Cup.
The 38-ton giants were

corde, where the Egyptian obelisk has been converted into an 80ft replica of the

FRANCE kicked off the variously accompanied by dancing orange eyeballs, fish on rollerblades, ostriches, dragons, outsize insects, baobab trees, termite hills and chessmen - 4,500 extras in all, marching, dancing, flap-ping, sliding and skating towards the Cup.

At the great square, the giants, now converted into footballers by having numbers projectedonto their backs, were greeted by a reception committee that included ten pygmy drummers from Cameroon. They had intended to camp in the Tuileries Gardens in huts made from imported fronds, but after a cold night in the park on Sunday they moved into a hotel to defrost.

The giants, Romeo, Ho. Pablo and Moussa, symbolised Europeans, Asians, American Indians and Africans — the four primary colours of humanity" ... sky blue, canary yellow, orange and purple. The giants called to one another with eerie,



humming music, like mating whales, as they moved across the city skyline.

Jean-Pascal Levy-Trumet, the 37-year-old theatrical di-rector who claims to have smoked 15,000 cigarettes in the course of organising the ceremony, said the fete de foot "represents the coming together and playful confrontation between peoples and cultures, the universality of football and its World Cup".

Beyond the opening cere mony, a much less playful confrontation between the striking pilots and manage-ment of Air France shows no sign of ending. Most of the airline's planes were grounded for the ninth successive day, and the largest pilots' union rejected calls for a truce during the World Cup. Some train drivers also went on strike last night, but the rail network said disruption would be minimal today.

As M Levy-Trumet's strange, futuristic vision took shape in the Place de la

Concorde, many Scottish soc-cer fans, some clad in equally outlandish outlits of tartan, woad and enormous wies. were preparing for today's opening match between Scotland and Brazil

They have been soaking up the atmosphere in Paris for several days, but there have been no reports of incidents involving police, apart from the theft of a few wallets from the Scottish fans.

☐ The Times today launches the biggest and best World Cup website. Visitors will be able to take advantage of a comprehensive guide to the tournament and links to every World Cup story carried by the newspaper since January I. Throughout the tournament a live "ticker will provide news and score updates. No registration is required, so the service will be fast and easy to use. The address is http://www.the-

times.co.uk/worldcup

by Ethiopia ETHIOPIAN forces launched a three-wave offensive to reheavy guns completed the Ethiopian assault. capture the border town of Zalambessa yesterday, bombarding Eritreans dug into trenches with a massive pre-dawn artillery barrage fol-lowed by an infantry assault and more heavy gunfire. The attack caught the Eritreans by surprise after two

days of relative calm and they appeared to be on the verge of losing the town, but they swiftly recovered to mount a counter-attack, and by nightfall the battle was theirs.

The Ethiopian offensive began at 5.30am this morning," the Eritrean Foreign Ministry said in a terse statement that did little justice to what observers believe is the biggest battle so far.

The countryside was turned into a First World War scene of devastated buildings, churned earth, and bodies. Farm land had been carved into winding trenches, and these changed hands at least twice during 12 hours of

fighting yesterday.

Artillery shells smashed into the ground one after another in a deadly game of chase as an Eritrean tank scuttled through rocky fields and hid itself behind shattered buildings. Missiles and mortars rained down on infantrymen, sending shards of white hot shrapnel hissing through the air. The mere sound of the battle was enough to stupefy. The Ethiopian offensive had

been launched after the Prime Minister, Meles Zenawi, order his forces to retake Zalambessa. They responded to the command with a heavy artillery attack before dawn, then at first light, infantrymen streamed over a steep escarpment to overrun the first line of Eritrean trenches in spite of coming under fire from tanks and artillery behind the Eri-

trean main front. Still more

Within minutes of the first attack, BM-21 missile launchers known as Stalin Organs, were sending a deluge of rockets into the Ethiopian ranks. Tanks and armour hit by shells exploded with a flash, followed by the scream of tearing metal.

By midday, a full-scale Eritrean counter-attack was under way as veterans of the country's 30-year war for independence and younger sol-diers fighting for their new nation for the first time struggled up a hill to reclaim their captured trenches.

The battle won, there was no mistaking the distant and



drawn expressions of the young fighters returning from the fray. Standing in the back of a white truck daubed with camouflage, a group of about ten young men gripped the metal sides of the vehicle and stared into space with a mixture of exhaustion and shock.

Leaving Ethiopian dead in the field, the Eritreans began to gather their wounded and take them the 15 miles to a makeshift military hospital in Senafe. Their own dead were put onto stretchers by their Continued on page 2, col 1

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Shackled mother awarded £20,000

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE prison service is to pay £20,000 damages to a former woman prisoner whose shack-ling while she was pregnant sparked a political controver-sy and forced a change in rules over the chaining of female Annette Walker, 33, a for-

mer inmate of Holloway prison, north London, is to be paid in recognition of the distress she suffered when she was shackled in hospital before the birth of her daughter.

The disclosure that the prison service has reached an out-of-court settlement with the habitual thief provoked an angry response from Ann Widdecombe, the Prisons Minister at the time.

Miss Widdecombe, now Shadow Health Secretary. was bitterly critical of the payment. This is farcical. If every time the rules change people can claim they were distressed by the old ones.



of Holloway Prison there would be no end to

litigation against the prison service. " she said. The settlement follows the issuing of a summons at the Central London County Court by Ms Walker, seeking basic. aggravated and exemplary or

punitive damages of up to

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with the national average. Mr Dobson, speaking at the backbench health committee

an operation.

"Since patients fund the

Patients gain access to surgeons' success rates

By IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

PATIENTS are to get the right to find out the success rates of doctors who operate on them. Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, said yesterday.

Although league tables of

each doctor's performance will not be published, patients will be able to find out detailed information through their GP about the doctors to whom they are referred. This will

of Labour MPs, also con-firmed reports that league tables of death rates in hospitals will be published annually from October. He said this information was necessary for patients to exercise their right to give informed consent for

Measures would be drawn

NHS, they have a right know a robust set of clinical indicawhat's going on in a public tors for cardiac services would

service," he said. From October, hospitals will have to publish a series of indicators covering death and complication rates after an operation. and after a thigh fracture.

The figures would need to be fair as well as accurate, Mr Dobson said. "We need fig-ures that highlight genuine problems, rather than penalise good doctors dealing with desperately ill patients. So figures will need to be risk-adjusted," he added.

up to make it possible to judge specialty by specialty and hospital by hospital. For example, some hospitals might be good at heart surgery but bad at hip replacements.

Mr Dobson said the new system would start with heart surgery. By the end of the year

be published and monitored in every NHS hospital. He had decided to end the existing voluntary system of reporting deaths in four categories. These cover surgery, still-births and infant deaths, maternal deaths and suicides among mental patients. In future, all doctors will be obliged to send results to a

national audit programme.
This kind of audit exists for some specialties, including surgery, but it is based on results submitted voluntarily and is not made public.

"Doctors with results which fell short of the norms would have to take urgent action to improve their results. Where there was an unacceptable mortality, it might be necessary for them to stop performing the procedure. Fellow professionals could then provide extra training, supervision and support."



Magic carpet riders lose the thread on journey back in time

carpet ride (with a stop or two) back over the decades. For the first leg of our flight we hop nearly a quarter century: to 1974.

A young MP of 31, described in Roth's Parliamentary Profiles as "dark: handsome: trendy-looking: idealistic full mop of curly black hair has just made a stunning leap, early in his career, to ministerial office. The youthful new junior minister at Agriculture (who only three years earlier voted against Britain's membership introduce a Bill providing a minimum wage for farmhands. To have come so far. so fast, gives promise of a meteoric political career. "Watch this space." say all the wise heads of political comm-

We note the opinion and reboard our flying carpet, this time for a much shorter hop: back to 1971.

London is abuzz with rumour. Is the actress who took the female lead in Ken Russell's outrageous new film about Tchaikovsky. The for her stunning performance as the composer's disappointed bride? London dinner parties crackle with controversy over whether she was welladvised to appear naked in that now-notorious railwaycarriage honeymoon scene. But nobody questions her

Did she get the Oscar? Yes. We take note, hopping onto our time machine: a leap back five years to 1965.

A new research fellow in gerontology has just been appointed in the Sociology



Department of the University of Essex. He is only 26: obviously a brilliant academic. "Looks like a schoolboy storybook hero, writes the journalist Colin Welch. "Tall, dark, lean and earnest," say

Already fascinated by politics, he is on the intellectual Left and a member of the Fabian Society. The young research fellow is soon to contest Colchester in a byelection, for Labour.

Did he win? No. We record the attempt, and move on for our shortest hop: just two years this time, but we are now 35 years back from today. It is 1965.

The room is swaying - for we are at sea. Who is the burly young steward bearing down on us, sweating under the weight of that tray of minestrone? He is 25. He looks confident. Already active in his seamen's union, his wider ambitions (if he has any) are known only to himself.

Yesterday in Parliament the Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions, John Prescott (60), was a little burlier, no less sweaty, and as confident as ever. The man they call Two-Jags brushed aside a scattering of Tory jeers about his non-appearance at the Parlia-

ional Bicycle Week he roared. How far away now. that minestrone!

Beside him sat his junior ministers. Bespectacled Michael Meacher (58), earnest as ever and still lean, was tackling an inquiry about the environmental impact of water prices. What price now that fellowship in gerontology? And where those revolutionary dreams?

Gavin Strang's tousled, romantic black locks are greying a little, at 54. Trendy

mentary Cycle Ride that would be the wrong word; morning. I welcome Nat- and idealism, if still there, is concealed. He never quite made it to the top but, well, Transport matters, doesn't it?

"It is the responsibility of the Lancashire County Council to decide how they will prioritise funds for the roads for which they have responsibility," Glenda Jackson (62) declared, summoning what theatricality the lines will bear. Twenty eight years on and still sticking to her script. No Oscar for this, we fear. But at least she no longer has to take her clothes off.

Prescott accelerates city charges for drivers

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

ordered officials to speed up the drafting of new laws allowing motorists to be charged for driving in city centres and is pressing for a bill in the next session of

Parliament. Legislation in the session beginning this autumn could mean pilot charging schemes to start as early as 2000, and several cities are already preparing to charge motorists up to £6 a day. Edinburgh, Leicester and Bristol are the most advanced in planning, although central London is also seen as a potential location for a pilot project.

Advisers have previously suggested that laws enabling road charging were unlikely to be introduced until at least 2000, but Mr Prescott is thought to be keen to bring forward the date to next year. He is pressing for a wideranging transport Bill that would also incorporate new laws to regulate the rail industry, but faces a battle with Cabinet colleagues to win Parliamentary time for his

Officials have been told to move quickly after next month's publication of a Govtransport paper, to set out firmer proposals that can be taken into legislation at short notice. A so-called "daughter document" of the white paper will

include more details of how

THE end of the annual car

number plate system will be announced today. It is to be

replaced by twice-yearly

The new registrations will

start next March and a new

lettering system will be intro-

duced later to show where the

The revision of the 35-year-

old system is meant to end the

traditional August sales fren-

zy, when garages often do a

quarter of their annual trade.

registration.

car was bought.

Number's up for old

registration system

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

JOHN PRESCOTT has councils might operate congestion charging and a system of charging employers for

employee parking spaces. Congestion charging is to be a key element of the white paper, although Mr Prescott will attempt to fight off accusations that his plans are "antiby unveiling other proposals that are favourable to motorists. He plans to introduce a roads watchdog to ensure that roads are ade-quately maintained and will channel additional money into maintenance.

He will also press for rapid improvements to bus services. with additional subsidies in rural areas, and funding priority will be given to council plans to encourage walking and cycling and reducing traffic speeds. Additional money for the schemes will he raised partly at local level through

Mr Prescott is believed to have been impressed by early results from a 23.5 million trial government project in Leicester, which suggests that a E3 charge could deter up to one in five motorists from driving into the city centre if reliable alternative transport is available.

trial, published yesterday, indicate that almost four in ten motorists will travel into the city centre by bus and other forms of transport when the

Gavin Strang, the Transport Minister, will announce that

the changes will reduce motor

manufacturers' costs and is

expected to call for the car

trade to pass on the reductions

millions of pounds are lost

Carmakers complain that



Lord Mackay and his daughter Flora arriving at Raigmore Hospital yesterday

Mackay and wife waited three hours for rescue

By SHIRLEY ENGLISH

LORD Mackay of Clashferts, the former Lord Chancellor, comforted his injured wife, Elizabeth, for three hours on a freezing mountainside as they waited to be rescued, it

Lady Mackay, 63, fell and broke her leg on Monday afternoon after slipping on wet moss, having completed an ascent of 3,313ft Beinn Fight Market Beauty 1988. Eighe in Wester Ross. Highland, with a group of friends.

She lay in agony while a companion walked five miles back to the car park at Bridge of Grudie to raise the alarm. The rescue was delayed when the helicopter was given the wrong map co-ordinates and it managed to locate the party only after making numerous low sweeps of the hillside.

because of stockpiling. In 2001, when registrations have reached the letter Y. a new lettering system identify-ing the place of purchase will begin. The shivering couple were finally airlifted to safety at about 60m. Lady Mackay was taken to the Mackinnon Me-

morial Hospital in Broadford, on Skye, for treatment was transferred to Raigmore Hospital in Inverness yesterday. It emerged that she had broken the tibula

and fibula in her right leg. Lord Mackay, 70, said it was fortunate that one of their party. Catherine MacKenzie. was a nurse and was able to administer some first aid and give his wife painkillers from her rucksack.

"My wife was in such pain for several hours but there was little we could do for her but keep her warm and try and make her as comfortable as possible," he said. "But I am afraid my wife went through quite a rough time

until rescue arrived." The six-strong party had been heading down the mountain track when the accident happened. Lord Mackay said: "We picked her up but it was clear that something quite major had happened. She is normally very careful but this mossy

patch caught her out."
Torridon Mountain Rescue Team and the Stornowaybased Coastguard helicopter were scrambled. Praising the rescue and medical services. Lord Mackay said: "My wife was promptly picked up by the Coastguard helicopter and given excellent treatment by the crew, the rescue services and all the staff at Dr Mackinnon Memorial Hospital in Skye. We are very grateful for the great kindness she has received and hope

Yesterday Lady Mackay, who lives with her husband in Fortrose, near Black Isle. Inverness. said: "My leg is a bit sore but I am fine. The staff have been marvellous."

that she will make a complete

Mowlam looks to police for help over new leak

By MARTIN FLETCHER CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

MO MOWLAM, the Northern Ireland Secretary, called in the police yesterday to discuss whether they could launch a criminal investigation into the latest embarrass-

ing leak from her department. Dr Mowlam acted after a document written by her private secretary was passed to Jeffrey Donaldson, the Ulster Unionist MP. It disclosed, among other things, that she had discussed the composition of the new commission on reform of the Royal Ulster Constabulary with an IRA fugitive in Dublin. Unionists

expressed outrage. The minister has been plagued by leaks since taking office and internal investigations have proved fruitless.

The latest was of a document summarising the telephone conversations Dr Mowlam had before announcing the composition of the RUC commission, to be chaired by Chris Patten, last week. It made clear Dublin's alarm at the proposed membership and its insistence that "a nationalist with street cred in Northern Ireland was essential to balance the commis-

sion". To prevent this becoming an issue in this month's assembly elections. Dr Mowlam telephoned first Seamus Mallon, deputy leader of the nationalist SDLP, who was "not ecstatic" but apparently acquiesced, then Martin McGuinness of Sinn Fein, who was also unhappy but "said he would do his best not to make the membership a

public issue". As Dr Mowlam prepared to release the names, a senior Irish official telephoned to say that Rita O'Hare, Sinn Fein's publicity director in Dublin and a member of the party's executive, was furious about the membership. Dr Mowlam telephoned her personally, even though Ms O'Hare is on the RUC's wanted list for attempted murder.

Ms O'Hare was part of an IRA gang that wounded an army officer during a gun battle in West Belfast in 1971. She was wounded and arrested in her hospital bed but jumped bail and fled to Dublin. In 1975 she was imprisoned for trying to smuggle explosives to a jailed IRA

has been mutually agreed. The guidelines on the use of

restraints have been revised

A source said that the settle-

had appeared in court 12 times

for 17 theft offences — the first at the age of 15 — had been

agreed in recognition of her

Ms Walker, a mother of

since the case"

distress.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Brussels to propose lifting UK beef ban

The European Commission is due today to propose lifting the remaining EU ban on the export of most British beef, opening the way to a possible resumption of sales this year. The commission is expected to back Britain's request for the export embargo to be lifted for meat from animals born after August 1, 1996, the date when it became an offence to feed meat and bonemeal to livestock. This effectively covers all meat likely to be exported for human consumption. In the first easing of the ban, imposed in March 1996 at the height of the BSE scare, beef from Northern Ireland was cleared last month for export from June I. Final approval for the proposal could come in the autumn.

Truckers face charges

Police are to prosecute more than a dozen truckers whose motorway protest over fuel tax brought chaos to the M25. The drivers of fourteen lorries out of a convoy of 60 that crawled round the motorway through Essex at less than 20mph on Monday have been warned that they are to be charged with driving without due care and consideration. The convoy caused tail-backs of up to eight miles during the rush-hour as it approached the Dartford crossing.

Special needs move

Estelle Morris, a junior Education Minister, is to tell the National Union of Teachers that the Government will set up regional centres offering specialist services for children with learning difficulties who will be able to spend some of the week in mainstream schools. Opponents of plans to transfer pupils with special needs to mainstream schools have said teachers would not be able to cope. Ms Morris will say the Government has no plans to close special schools.

Inspectors' double take

A teachers' leader demanded an independent body to oversee school inspections yesterday after it was disclosed that two teams of inspectors had reached contrasting verdicts on the governing body of Dogsthorpe Junior School. Peterborough, within three weeks. Nigel de Gruchy. general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, said such discrepancies would fuel doubts about the consistency of inspections.

Hepatitis C warning

Researchers gaved a warning yesterday about a looming epidemic of Hepatatis C, which can kill by causing cancer or liver disease. The virus was discovered only nine years ago but is now considered a bigger threat to world health than Aids. John Dillon, consultant liver expert at Ninewells Hospital. Dundee, said: "Hepatitis C has been called the real millennium bug." One rough estimate suggests there are 250,000 people infected with the virus in Britain.

Dud's disappearing act

Dudley Moore has disappeared from view following a claim by his estranged wife that he is back in London and "waiting to die". Speaking on an American television show, Moore's fourth wife, Nicole Rothschild, 34, said: "Different people who have been around him say he's not even a shadow of the person he was. How serious is his illness? He said he was waiting to die." It was then



reported that Moore, 63, had escaped to the Hampstead home of Suzy Kendall, one of his ex-wives whom he divorced in 1972. But yesterday note on Ms Kendall's door read: "On behalf of Suzy Kendall, I: Dudley Moore is not here, 2: When she spoke to him a few days ago he was not dying or wanting to die."

Lamont shortlisted

Norman Lamont, the former Tory chancellor, has taken a step further towards a political comeback by making it on to the final shortlist of candidates for the European elections in the North East. The former MP, who lost his Parliamentary seat at the last election, has already been rejected by Tory activists in two of the other II Euro-regions set up for next

Elgin Marbles appeal

Accusations that the British Museum has damaged the Elgin Marbles has prompted Greek's Minister for Culture to write to Chris Smith, the Heritage Secretary, demanding an international commission be set up to examine them and. hopefully, recommend their return to Greece. The author William St Clair says in a book the marbles were irreparably damage during cleaning.

Eritreans win the day

Continued from page I comrades, who preferred to carry the corpses for miles rather than leave them to rot alongside their enemies.

Other young men wandered back into Senafe in sweat and dirt-stained combat fatigues. silent, and sullen. They walked stiffly into a local bar. still taut with the tension of battle. A pickup truck crammed with wounded flashed by; its grim cargo waving bandaged limbs as it raced by to a hospital.

Eritrean military manders said that the Ethiopi-"had been repulsed," but that they were

the transfer was a second of the

Yesterday the last 100 American diplomats and Ethiopian citizens were due to be flown out of the Eritrean capital, Asmara, after warnings from Ethiopia that it would launch more air raids on the city. President Afewerki said that he had been personally warned to leave his residence, which said that his home would be a target. "A bleak escalation of the conflict on the ground is the problem, but we are willing to discuss peace," he said.

The latest flare-up comes after a call by Eritrea on

tween the two former friends and for high-level mediators to help. Mr Alewerki criticized attempts to achieve a "quick fix" through a deal brokered by Rwanda and Susan Rice. the American Assistant Secretary of State. "The problem with the peace process is the hasty way it was managed by the Americans. They believe in quick fixes and bulldozing and

our culture." Both Mr Afewerki and Mr Zenawi were annoyed that America had sent a 33-yearold woman to resolve their

that does not work. It is not in

Shackled mother's £20,000 spokesman said: "A settlement

Continued from page 1 £50,000 for the pain, distress. humiliation, anxiety and injury caused by the use of unnecessary, excessive and unlawful force".

Ms Walker, who was six months' pregnant when she was sentenced to two years' imprisonment for theft, was shackled by handcuffs with a chain between them when she was taken from Holloway to the nearby Whittington hospital in December 1995, suffer-

ing abdominal pains.
She claimed that prison officers agreed to remove the cuffs during an examination. but remained in the room.

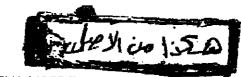
Afterwards, she was chained to a bed in a 12-bed ward. On a third visit to the hospital, she said she was chained throughout and on the fourth visit gave birth. Her summons said that she was chained to a bed in a private room before the birth. and when she went out of the room to have a cigarette she was shackled to an officer. "At almost the moment of birth, the officers' shift changed and a male officer came into the

labour room while the plain-tiff was covered in blood and the placenta was being delivered", her claim said. Last night a prison service

three, was a handbag thief and was sentenced in October 1995 after she and her boyfriend snatched a handbag containing £5,000. Prisoners giving birth in hospital are no longer handcuffed.

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Parents te daughter



Missing doctor's wife gives birth to his son

Jane Noble and Matthew Choyce on their wedding day

THE wife of a doctor who vanished eight months ago has given birth to his son. Last night she begged her missing husband: 'Come home and see your new

Jane Noble gave birth to 10lb 12oz Iain Matthew on Monday night. Her husband, Matthew Choyce, has not been seen since he slipped out of their home

early on October 7 last year. Now Dr Noble hopes that news of the birth will bring him home. From her hospital bed, she said: "It would have been so nice to have had Matthew here with me at the birth. I am sure he would have loved to have been here.

"I need him to help me with the baby. He is very good with kids and really loves them. I just want him to get in touch so he can find out how I am, how our beautiful baby is and so I can find out how he is. I want us all to have a hug together. We really are a family now and it would be wonderful if he came home."

Dr Choyce's disappearance has baffled his wife because he had just learnt that she was expecting the baby that they had both longed for. Earlier last year they lost a child when Dr Noble, 30, had a miscarriage. He was a senior registrar at Sunderland Royal Hospital and was considering his next career move.

Dr Choyce, 34, left the couple's semi-detached house in Newcastle upon Tyne between 4am and 7.15am without any explanation. His car was found abandoned on the Tyneside coast but.

all their advice."

in spite of an extensive search, no sign has been found of him. Police found his grey Renault Clio in a hotel car park at Tynemouth, with a note on the passenger seat. It read: "Jane, I love you very much. Love to my family. Thanks to my friends for

At first it was feared that he had walked into the sea, but his body has not been found and his wife is convinced that he is still alive. Dr Noble, a researcher at the University of Newcastle and a specialist in geriatric care, works one day a week at the city's Freeman Hospital. She said in March: "I just want to tell him I love him, I need him and, more importantly still. our baby needs him. I am

desperate for him to come home

and be a father. I know how happy we can all be.
"We had known about the baby for about five weeks before Matthew went missing, but we hardly talked about it because we were just at the stage of keeping our

fingers crossed. A lot of pregnan-

cies fail in the early weeks and we didn't want to tempt fate. "He was really looking forward to fatherhood. He was more broody than me, initially. He was very keen on the idea of becoming a dad and managed to convince me it would be a good idea. When I miscarried it was a very difficult

each other get through it. "When I fell pregnant again, it was a great joy and relief. I am hoping against hope that the

time for both of us, but we helped

prospect of being a father is enough to persuade him to come back. I am convinced he is out there somewhere, possibly even "I know how much he wanted

this baby, but I think it must have been pushed to the back of his mind by other problems. People have asked whether it might have been the thought of the pregnancy that kept him away. I don't believe that for a second. If anything, the propert of being a father would have kept him at

Earlier this month a twominute silent message was left on her answerphone. Experts are attempting to trace the back-ground noise. Dr Noble said: "He could be the man sitting in the doorway asking for some money, or alternatively he could have managed to find himself a job.

"I have concentrated my searches for him in London, the North East and Bath, where we met. I have also started talking to people in Oxford, where he went to university. It came as a terrible shock when he left, because we'd had no quarrel or dispute."

His bank account has remained untouched and he left behind every personal document and credit card. The only belongings he is known to have with him are the clothes he wore on the day he left and his car keys.
Dr Choyce's mother, Diane,

said yesterday: "We are all thrilled about the news. I hope Matthew will hear about it, and it



Dr Noble with their son yesterday. She urged her husband: "Come home and see your baby"

Registrar found pressures of the NHS too much to bear

MATTHEW CHOYCE, an Old Etonian who graduated from Oxford in 1987, disappeared from his home on October 7 last year while suffering from stress related to his hospital career.

Only a month earlier he had moved to the casualty department of Sunderland Royal Hospital as a senior registrar on rotation from other hospitals in the North East, but his next career move would have been the final one to a

The surgeon's decision to leave

a specialist was known to be troubling him. He had sought advice from many sources, including colleagues and his father, Peter, a respected London eye specialist and a university profes-

The night before he vanished. number of the Old Etonian Medical Society, but he never made contact. Earlier this year Professor "frontline" doctoring for the rela- Choyce, 79, who described his son tively more comfortable position of as an idealist, said: "I think his from a family of professionals. In

concerns were career-related. Accident and emergency work is very hard and the NHS today is not what it was when I was young."

He said a career in medicine today was "a bloody awful prospect", and added: "I did not encourage Matthew to take up Dr Choyce rang his father for the medicine because I could see this young man was very gifted and that whatever he wanted to do he could do well."

Dr Choyce, from Essex, comes

addition to his father, one brother, Jonathan, also became a doctor after graduating from Cambridge, and his other brother, Greg, is a

Matthew Choyce was an idealist troubled by the realities of a medical career, writes **Paul Wilkinson**

He met Jane Noble at the Royal United Hospital in Bath when he was a senior house officer and she was a junior doctor. He had also worked at Frenchay Hospital in Bristol. The couple married two years ago. Dr Noble, who studied medicine-at Cambridge and Oxford, said he was keen to become a last year "hit him very hard". But the news of her pregnancy had buoyed him up.

She has refused to give up hope of tracing her husband. At first it was assumed that he had walked into the sea at Tynemouth, but the time has long passed now when a body should have been recovered. Four days after he vanished, his green and blue T-shirt was washed up, but tests showed that it had not come from a body. There

have been 25 reported sightings of a man answering Dr Choyce's description, mostly from the

Dr Noble believes he is still alive, possibly having had a breakdown, convinced that he is a worthless failure and too frightened to return. He might have gone abroad or might be living with down-and-outs in London. She has toured hostels for the homeless and soup kitchens in the capital and posted his picture on

the Undergound and parts of the country where he is known. Last Christmas she, her twin sister Ann, and Jonathan Choyce toured scores of temporary refuges set up for the holiday period.

She said: "I would do whatever

was needed. If he wanted to move to a different town, make a fresh start, whatever, I would do it. I don't think it would be a problem, I'm sure we would cope with it." She asked anyone who might know where he was to contact the National Missing Persons Help-line on a 24-hour Freefone number, 0500 700700.

Parents tell of pain over daughter who vanished

TWO years ago today Steve and Pat Hall's old life ended. That was the day their 25-yearold daughter was reported missing after an evening out at a nightclub with friends. The blonde psychology graduate has not been seen since.

. The Halls said yesterday that they had become convinced shortly after Melanie's disapnearance that she was dead, murdered by someone she had met that night. But although their heads tell them that their daughter is never coming home, the uncertainty has left their hearts in limbo, unable to grieve and unable to heal.

Mrs Hall, a nurse at the hospital in Bath where Melanie worked as a clerical officer. appealed for her killer to let them know what had happen-ed. "I find it hard not knowing where she is and what happened to her. If somebody could say to me it hadn't hurt and hadn't been too painful, then my worst fears would not

have come true." Melanie was last seen on the dancefloor of Cadillacs, a crowded nightclub in the centre of Bath, in the early hours of the morning. Her German boyfriend, Philip Kurlbaum, a doctor at the Royal United Hospital, where she worked, was fed up and went home early. Unaware that he had left, the two

the couple to the disco were unconcerned when, at 1.10am, Melanie declined their offer of

a lift and said she wanted to carry on dancing. After two years of inquiries, hundreds of hours of searches and thousands of interviews with, among others, 1,200 minicab drivers and 800 people who passed through Cadillacs that night, police

no closer to finding Melanie or The last link - it is too strong to call it a clue - is that her jacket was collected from

said yesterday that they were

the cloakroom. In an attempt to find new leads, a £10,000 reward was yesterday offered by Avon and Somerset police and a local newspaper for the conviction



believe she was killed

of her killer. Like her parents, detectives are convinced that

Speaking at the Halls' home on the outskirts of Bradfordon-Avon, Wiltshire, Detective Chief Inspector Graham Cawley said: "This is not a family one would run away from. They were very close and, if Melanie was going anywhere. she would always phone her parents. I do not think she will be found alive. The question is whether we will ever find her

Upstairs, Melanie's room is exactly as she left it. The teddy bear she was given at the age of two sits on her pillow, a magazine from May 1996 lies on the bed. Only the fresh

flowers have been changed. Mr Hall, 54, a former college lecturer who briefly became a painter after Melanie's disappearance and now runs Bath Football Club, said: "Her bedroom is not a shrine and we are not keeping it in case she returns. We just don't know what else to do. We think she has been murdered. But until she has been found, to change things would feel like we were abandoning her." The Halls say that they and

Melanie's sister. Dominique.

have been numb since her disappearance. Mr Hall said:

We will never be the same

again. A part of Pat and I died

Melanie Hall: police

Billie-Jo accused 'feared stalker'

By JOANNA BALE

THE foster parents of Billie-Jo Jenkins, who was killed in February 1997, had been planning to move because they feared they were being watched, a court was told yesterday.

Peter Gaimster, a friend of Lois and Sion Jenkins, told Lewes Crown Court that they had spoken of their concerns a week before the girl was battered to death at their home in Hastings, East Sussex. Mr Jenkins had shown Mr Gaimster a security light he had fitted, and the couple talked of receiving strange telephone calls and said their car had been vandalised. Mr Gaimster said: They had not reported any incident to the police but were so worried that they had

decided to move house." On the night of the 13-yearold's death, Mr and Mrs Jenkins and their four natural daughters stayed with Mr Gaimster's family. He told the court that Mr Jenkins, who denies murdering Billie-Jo. had been very quiet and had

gone to bed early.
Detective Constable Tracey Christmas said that that night she saw Mr Jenkins refuse to wear a jacket — which the court has been told was found to have tiny splashes of the it was cold. The trial continues.



Jailhouse rock was an injustice

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

IT WAS a typical dispute between father and teenagers over loud music — except that it ended with the recalcitrant children locking their father out of the house. Worse, when Trevor Foulkes called the police, he was arrested and held for 24 hours for behaviour likely to

cause a breach of the peace.
Yesterday Mr Foulkes, 53, won damages for wrongful arrest and the Court of Appeal ruled he was entitled to compensation. sation. The police officer had acted with the best of intentions" but was inexperienced and had exceeded his legal powers,

the court ruled. Mr Foulkes was "in the throes of a family dispute" with his children, Karl. 18. and Lindsay, 19, because they were playing music loudly. Lord Justice

Beldam said in his ruling. The police originally removed the children, escorting them from the house in Walton, Liverpool, in the early hours of December 20, 1994. But when the father awoke in the morning, they had returned. His son stopped him using the telephone to call the police, so Mr Foulkes went out to use a public call box.

When he returned his wife, Esther,

and his children had changed the lock on the front door of the home he had shared during his 22-year marriage.
Two police constables arrived to find

Mr Foulkes "nervous and jittery", sitting on the front doorstep. He insisted he

wanted to get back into his house. When he refused to leave "until tempers had cooled". he was arrested for

behaviour likely to cause a breach of the peace. Mr Foulkes spent the rest of the day and night in custody at Walton police station before his wife withdrew a statement that he should be bound over.

Lords Justices Beldam, Schiemann and Thorpe yesterday overturned the ruling of Liverpool Crown Court which rejected Mr Foulkes's claims that he had been unlawfully arrested and imprisoned.

Lord Justice Thorpe said Mr Foulkes was "both the injured party and the detained person. That is a manifestly unsatisfactory result." He said Mr Foulkes was "entitled to expect some support from the officers in his effort to terminate the wrongful exclusion" from



By Frances GIBB

JACK STRAW has put forward an amendment to the Human Rights Bill that could strictly limit the ability of people to pursue breaches of human rights by imposing a one-year time limit on claims.

The move by the Home Secretary is under attack by groups such as Liberty, nich says it undermines the effect of the human rights legislation and will stop large numbers of claims being brought.

John Wadham, director of Liberty, said the amendment was unnecessary and unfair and might be a violation of the very rights the Bill was intended to enshrine, by limiting access to the courts. In some cases, such as judicial review proceedings, the time limit is three months although courts have discretion to extend it.

"The consequence of this amendment will be to prevent good claims against public authorities ever being brought. Violations of human rights will go without remedies."

He accepted that the government amendment gave courts a discretion to extend the time limit if it was right to do so "in all the circumstances". But that too would create un-

Courts will gain new powers to protect witnesses

crime and vulnerable witnesses are to be shielded by screens when they give evidence in an attempt to stop defendants intimidating them.

Under changes in courtroom practice to be announced today, courts are to be urged to relocate witness boxes so that a witness cannot be seen directly from the public gallery, preventing defendants' friends from identifying and

threatening witnesses.

Men accused of stalking could be barred from crossexamining alleged victims in court. The changes also inciude a ban on rape defendants cross-examining their alleged victims.

The measures are to be

unveiled by Jack Straw, the Home Secretary. The 78 recommendations, which will cost an estimated £9 million to implement, are aimed at encouraging witnesses to go to the police and overhauling the way in which the courts deal with rape and serious sexual

Mr Straw will unveil plans to change English law so that the previous sexual history of rape victims would, in most cases, be inadmissable as evidence. The change is aimed at preventing barristers from questioning victims at length about past relationships. Mr Straw has accepted

applications ever and stores maximum amounts of data up to 6.4GB. FOR DETAILS OF THESE AND OTHER WORLD CUP OFFERS CALL

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reports on the proposed

measures aimed

at curbing intimidation

most of the recommendations made by the Home Office-led working party, which found that in some areas 13 per cent of incidents reported by vic-tims to the police were followed by intimidation including verbal abuse, threats, damage to property

"It would appear that the most 'normal' criminals, those not involved in large-scale or serious crime, are intimidating witnesses, especially as the increasing use of forensic and scientific evidence means that the witness is fast becoming one of the only accessible links for the defendant in an attempt to influence the trial," the 268-page report says.

At present, screens can be used only in cases involving child witnesses and in highsecurity cases, such as IRA trials, but the report says that they should be made available

on a statutory basis to help vulnerable or intimidated

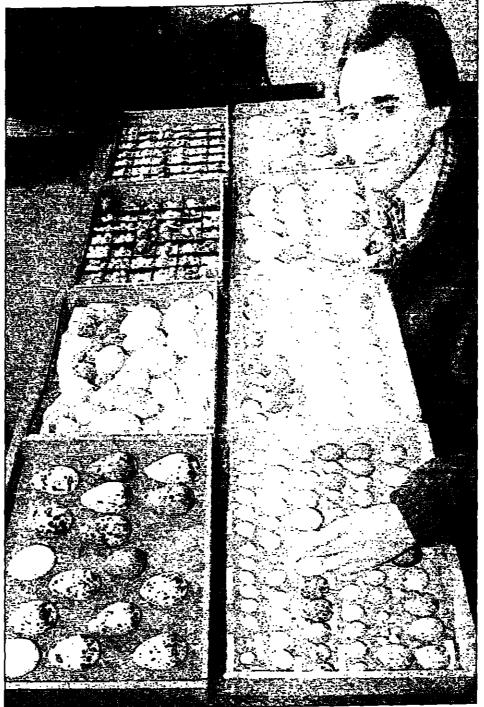
Other changes include allowing the use in magistrates' courts of evidence given by video link, allowing a witness to be accompanied by a friend while giving evidence via closed-circuit television, and giving judges the statutory power to require the removal of wigs and gowns in cases in which the witnesses are nervous.

power to ban the press from reporting details that could identify a witness where there is a risk of intimidation. They are also expected to be given the power to remove the public in a trial for rape, serious sexual offences and other cases where there is a risk of intimidation when a victim is giving evidence.

Frightened witnesses are to be given protection including panic alarms linked to police stations, electronic pagers so witnesses can remain outside a court building until they are summoned to give evidence. and official escorts to and

The measures are expected to form part of the Government's second crime Bill, to be introduced in the next session

Charlotte Kane, page 18



Duncan McNiven of the RSPB with the collection of stolen eggs yesterday

Haul of stolen rare eggs seized

By SIMON DE BRUXELLES

EGGS stolen from the nests of some of Britain's rarest wild birds were seized in a police raid yesterday. Among the 250 eggs laid out on trays in a purpose built wooden cabinet was one from a red-backer shrike, which vanished from the hedgerows of England ten years ago.

The songbird became extinct in this country because of the increasing use of pesti-cides that wiped out the insects on which it fed. As it declined, its eggs became increasingly sought after by collectors, hastening its

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The raid on a house in Barnstaple, north Devon, also found eggs of peregrine falcons, barn owls and wood larks, and of lesser known species such as the cirl bunting, which has been reduced to a few hundred; breeding pairs.
Wildlife officers from Dev.

on and Comwall police were yesterday working with Graham Elliott, head of investiga-tions for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, and his colleague Duncan Mo Niven, to identify and catalogue the eggs. They also took dozens of maps. In a similar raid last month

409 eggs were recovered in the town. Details were not released at the time to avoid. alerting illicit collectors.

Two men were voluntarily helping with police inquiries

Officer cleared of CS spray assault

THE first police officer to be charged with unlawfully using CS spray, after he squirted it at a pensioner who had stopped on double yellow lines, walked free from court yesterday.

PC Andrew Taylor, 31, a traffic officer, used the spray on Kenneth Whitaker, 67, after he became abusive, refused to give personal details and tried to bite him when he

drop off his disabled wife. Phyllis, 76, at a hairdresser's shop in Kempston, Bedfordshire. in May last year. After using the spray, PC Taylor put handcuffs on Mr Whitaker. pulled him from the car and took him to a nearby police

Luton Crown Court was told that Mr Whitaker was still shouting and kicking the back of the passenger seat of the police car during the

As the jury returned its verdict of not guilty on the charge of assault occasioning actual bodily harm. PC Taylor fled from court in tears to cuddle his six-month-old son. His wife, Rebecca, also a police officer in Bedfordshire, said "thank you" to the jury and collapsed crying in a

relative's arms When asked if he would be awarding costs to PC Taylor. who had funded his own defence, Judge Daniel Rodwell said: "Not withstanding the verdict, this has been a disturbing and upsetting case. I fear the reaction of the civil court will be quite different and will cost the Bedfordshire Police Authority a lot of money. It would be totally wrong to fund this defendant's costs out of public money."

During the trial, PC Taylor said that Mr Whitaker had refused several times to give his details or to step out of his car. He said: "The driver had his teeth clenched and his arms were rigid. I used the CS spray because I felt in fear for

Mr Whitaker was charged under the Public Order Act

PC Taylor: he feared

and was kept in the station for nine hours, even though he should have been released as, soon as he gave his name to the custody officer, the court was told. The charge was later dropped when the case, reached the magistrates court. Mr Whitaker has since received a substantial sum incompensation in an out-ofcourt settlement from Bed-, fordshire Police. His family said yesterday that they would

be seeking legal advice. Mr Whitaker said from his home yesterday: "Justice has not been done. It is a sad day

His daughter, Jennifer, a nurse, said outside the court: My father is a 67-year-old pensioner who was in his car with his seathelt on, and he was sprayed with CS gas because a 6ft 2in police officer thought he was a danger.

The judge was on the side of justice as far as we are concerned, and the jury on the side of the officer.

A spokesman for the Police Federation, speaking on behalf of the Taylors, said: They just want to get on with their lives and return to their jobs as police officers."

He said it was expected that the Police Federation would meet the cost of the defence case. Mr Taylor will not face any disciplinary action and will return to full duty.

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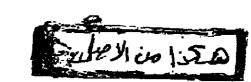
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The end of ordinary life as we know it Stolen The end of ordinary life as we know it BRITISH Football Time is sched. Adrian Lee and Maria Alvarez on the football phenomenon that will change everything—for 32 days England. High levels of absenteeism were predicted. At the North of Scotland Water

BRITISH Football Time is scheduled to begin today at 4.30pm, when the first ball is kicked in the World Cup finals. For the next 32 days - for fans and haters of football alike — English and Scot-tish lifestyles will be thrown into turmoil by the 64 matches of

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Work, shopping, holidays, com-muting, social and family life will be dictated not by the normal clock but by the kick-off times of key matches. Half the matches begin during working hours, including today's opening fixture between Scotland and Brazil, and England's encounter with Tunisia at 1.30pm

drivers that the evening rush hour would start at 3pm on days when there are important afternoon

games. A second rush is likely as people leave pubs and offices in their hundreds of thousands after

Shopping habits will be transformed. Supermarkets are drafting in extra staff before afternoon games to ensure that customers are not delayed at check-out queues.

sweets on stands near Sainsbury's tills to enable shoppers to make speedy visits. Shifts are being altered to allow staff to watch games and make up time later. A spokeswoman said: "We have had a team of 50 people working on this for weeks. The World Cup will temporarily change the way many

people shop." Britons are delaying their holidays until after the tournament. Despite slashing prices, travel agents said that bookings were

involve sitting in front of somebody else's television set - are apparently out. Tables are still available at some of London's most popular restaurants on evenings when Engand play. West End theatres also expect to suffer. "The World Cup is certainly not going to help," said Rupert Rhymes, chief executive of the Society of London Theatre. The opening night of Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical Whistle Down the Wind, at the Aldwych Theatre, was postponed for one night to avoid a potential clash should

England reach the quarter-final on

Vivienne Gross, clinical director of the Institute of Family Therapy. said the World Cup would cause huge disruption to family life. There would have to be compro-mises involving children's meal and bed times. Even an innocent telephone call to a friend or family member who is engrossed in a game could cause conflict, said Carole Seheult, a sports psychologist at the University of Durham.

changes. Almost one in three men will take some time off work to watch the World Cup, according to a survey published today by the Institute of Personnel and Develop-

Employers in Scotland appear to be more accommodating than those in England, changing shifts, installing televisions and providing food during games. One in five workers in Scotland will be allowed time off to watch World Cup

ism were predicted.

At the North of Scotland Water Authority, which serves 1.1 million

customers north of Perth. 300 office workers will be allowed to leave early today.

On British Airways and Virgin flights during crucial games passengers can expect regular World

Cup updates. Railway stations in Scotland will display scores on passenger information boards and at Euston and Victoria, in London, large screens will be installed.

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Tartan Army takes Paris in spirited assault

FROM DAMIAN WHITWORTH IN PARIS

THE Tartan Army took Paris yesterday. They swarmed over and under the Channel and conquered the city by plundering its supplies and paralysing its transport system. In other words they made a good fist of drinking the bars dry and then brought traffic to a standstill with a variety of high jinks.

There were some French-men who cursed as they sat trapped in jams but most shrugged resignedly at what is only the beginning of a month of cosmopolitan japes in the capital city. The auld alliance is unlikely to be threatened by a bit of traffic chaos caused by men in ginger wigs and kilts.

The Eurostar trains from

London yesterday were groaning under the weight of cliched Jocks straight from cartoon land. The wigs and kilts were complemented by every variety of tartan hat. coat, scari, tam o'shanter and Scottish football shirt. Face paint was liberally daubed until everyone looked the same, and as the expensive French lager on sale at the buffet began to take effect individuals began wandering up and down the corridors searcing for friends who had

managa, to get lost on a train. In Paris one of the favourite congregation points was the Auld Alliance pub in the Rue Francois Miron in the Marais. By the afternoon one

might have described the atmosphere as lively. A game of football in the street brought the traffic grinding to a halt. If the Scottish team are as reckless in their tackles as their fans there won't be a player left on the pitch at the end of tonight's curtain raiser against Brazil.

Among the fans were hundreds whose pre-paid tickets to the opening match of the World Cup have failed to materialise. An estimated 640 supporters who bought World Cup packages from travel agents discovered yesterday that their tickets supplied by an American company did

Alan Watson, 34, a financial advisor from Edinburgh, rejected the full refund offered by his travel agent. "It is a once in a lifetime opportunity to see Scotland in the opening game of the World Cup against the world champions Brazil," he said. "Even if I don't go to the match, it will be worth going for the atmo-sphere. I will find a bar with a television. It will be like a giant party." The only sour note was re-ports that Ulrika Jonsson, the

TV personality had been assaulted by her lover Stan Collymore in the Auld Alliance. The agent for the £7 million Aston Villa striker later said the player wanted to apologise for the "heated



Scottish and Brazilian fans outside a café in Paris yesterday. The two nations play each other in the tournament's opening match today

After God comes football – but not today

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI IN RIO DE JANEIRO

MILLIONS of Brazilians will embellish their reputation as the world's most passionate footballing nation by taking the day off work to crowd around televisions, dance to samba tunes and cheer on their heroes in the opening game against Scotland today.

Shops, banks and schools across Brazil will close and the Congress and down as politicians join the carnival atmosphere. The judiciary has declared that it is in recess until the end of the tournament if "Brazil gets to the final". Even hospitals will operate on

Brazil has been the dominant force in world soccer since it first won the cup in 1952. It holds the record for the number of wins - four - including the last tournament. "The country will

most government ministries will shut shut down to watch the boys perform and show all its passion to give support. After God comes football in Brazil," said Pele, who will be commentating on the World Cup for a television station.

A giant screen has been set up in Rio de Janeiro's city centre so that thousands without access to a television can see the game. But I million television sets have been sold in the past two weeks. Politicians seeking favour with and the villages in the middle of the Amazon rainforest have set up communal televisions.

"Football is the heart and soul of Brazil. For many it's the only source of joy and for all it is a symbol of our nation's identity," said Pedro dos Santos. 18, who took part in a wallpainting competition to dress up the open sewage alley in Brazil's biggest

MPs put on strip show and think

of England By A CORRESPONDENT

ON THE eve of the World Cup a group of MPs yesterday displayed their own backing

for football.

The MPs, members of the House of Commons Clothing and Textile Group, donned a colourful array of British-made World Cup shirts in celebration of the country's sportswear industry. The group's members also hope their stunt will help to highlight concerns about the

industry's future. Phil Woolas, Labour MP for Oldham East and Saddleworth, who is chairman of the all-party group, said: "We are wearing the same strips that will be worn by the German, Dutch, Argentinian, Italian, English and Scottish teams."

Sporting a blue and white Argentina shirt, Mr Woolas said: "The success of the British sportswear industry in winning not just orders for England and Scotland strips but also for many other World Cup teams shows what can be achieved in the industry, even when times are hard."

Mr Woolas said he was proud to be wearing the shirt in support of British industry but would be removing his Argentina strip before the World Cup began. "I will be supporting the England side and wish them every success. I hope we see a final between England and Scotland, with England winning on penalties," he said.

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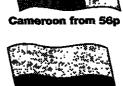
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Fighting to win London's top job,

JEFFREY ARCHER has given his fullest defence yet to the charges against him of a life filled with blunders, gaffes, falsehoods and exaggerations, as he struggles to prove he is a suitable Conservative candidate for mayor of London.

"Heaven knows I have made mistakes in my life. I am neither genius nor saint." he wrote in yesterday's London Evening Standard, replying to an article there nearly three months ago by the journalist Paul Foot headed. "Why this man is unfit to be mayor...

Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare rebuts point by point the allegations by Mr Foot but in doing so seems to admit that he has lied in the past, by denying involvement in an alleged shoplifting incident, and claiming he never filled in expense forms for fellow London councillors.

His explanation of the 1994

Lord Archer takes on his toughest critic. **Dominic Kennedy** reports

"insider dealing" row over Anglia Television shares fails to answer why he bought shares in his wife's company. and why he did so on behalf of a Kurdish friend who could have bought them himself. Allegation: claimed he spent

two years on a non-existent anatomy course in America. It was really a correspondence course in London. Response: does not reply to this.

Allegation: captained the Oxford athletics club when he was not a resident member of the university, as the club's rules insist. Response: none. Allegation: his marriage cer-tificate wrongly describes him

as a "research graduate". Response the certificate is in the handwriting of Leslie Styler, the Brasenose chaplain. Lord Archer is not sure he saw it at the time.

Allegation: filled in expenses for other GLC councillors. keeping 10 per cent of the take. Years later, in a letter to his biographer Michael Crick, he denied filling in expense claims and threatened libel action if Crick continued researching that issue Re-sponse did help some councillors with expenses forms but there was nothing illegal or wrong in this; the

out of court because there was no purpose in proceeding, not least because of Berkeley's precarious financial position. Allegation: he was held in Toronto in 1975 on suspicion of shoplifting. An unsigned state-ment, sent to Paul Foot by a former store employee, says Lord Archer admitted to stealing three suits worth \$540 (£335)"without paying and without permission". Lord Archer told Paul Foot in 1987 that he was "not involved in any such incident".

Allegation: systematically fid-

travelling the breadth of the

country and abroad, incurring

hotel and travel expenses but

he did not systematically fid-

dle them. "If I had wanted to

be on the 'fiddle' I would have

made considerably more than

£150." He recalls the discrep-

Allegation: he threatened to

sue Humphrey Berkeley, then

UNA chairman, over allega-tions of expense-fiddling but

dropped the action without an

apology before it reached

court. Response: they settled

ancy was £80.

Response: "Yes, I was stopped in a Toronto store. I was carrying two suits on their hangers over my shoulder. and was looking for the shirt department as I wanted to buy some shirts as well. I had no intention of taking anything

dled his expenses as fund-raiser of the United Nations Association. When 169 false claims were challenged, he had to repay £150. Response: he raised millions of pounds.

Lord Archer and his wife, Mary, leaving their London flat yesterday. They also have a home near Cambridge

without paying - carrying the suits in the way I did would not have amounted to very effective concealment - and I was not arrested, charged, nor did I admit to any theft because I had not stolen anything ... If I had been guilty it would have been far easier to give a false name and address." Lord Archer says it was hardly a major incident. He did correspond with Foot.

"But perhaps I was wrong here too - I did not feel disposed to give any assistance to a left-wing journalist with a campaign against me. but with hindsight perhaps I should have described to him the entire trivial incident in all its glory. That would, at least, have deprived him of blowing up this non-event."

Allegation: the day after a secret merger deal was negotiated between Anglia Television and MAI, Lord Archer bought 25,000 Anglia shares for a Kurdish friend. His wife, Mary, was on the Anglia board. They were sold for a profit of £80,000. Why did he buy them for a friend who had bought shares himself in the past? Why did he buy shares in the company when there

the shares after Sir Nicholas Lloyd, the Daily Express Editor, recommended buying shares in small television companies at a dinner party.

Lord Archer insists, however, that he did not receive any information from his wife and draws attention to the fact that he was not charged with insider dealing after an investigation by the Department of

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Paul Foot's article in the London Evening Standard, to which Lord Archer replied

Race laws may be extended to Shakespeare

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

THEATRE and film directors are no longer appropriate and would be barred from casting only white actors in Shakespeare's plays under propos-als to change Britain's race laws that are being studied by the Home Office.

restaurants would also no longer be able to claim that they must hire only Asian employees on the ground that they are essential for

The Commission for Racial Equality said yesterday that the changes would greatly expand job opportunities for ethnic minorities in showbusiness and for white people in the catering industry.
Under exemptions in the

1976 Race Relations Act, it is legal to refuse to employ a person on the ground of race if an employer believes that such discrimination is needed for "authenticity". Actors, artists' models and potential employees in restaurants therefore cannot sue for alleged racial discrimination if they do not get a job.

The commission is also proposing to allow the Race Relations Act to apply to doctors' and solicitors' partnerships with fewer than six partners. This follows complaints from members of ethnic minorities over their

failure to get a partnership.

Sir Herman Ouseley, chairman of the Commission for Racial Equality, said: "These exemptions were put in the Act more than 20 years ago. They

cannot be justified

was an apparent conflict of interest? Response: he bought

The commission has sent a paper outlining possible re-forms to Jack Straw. The aws that are being studied by he Home Office. current criterion of authenticity is too wide," it says. "It enables unjustifiable underrepresentation of ethnic minorities in theatre, opera, cinema, and television drama to continue indefinitely

> "The new formulation would allow actors to be selected on racial grounds where the race or colour of the character to be portrayed is central to the portrayal - for example to select a black actor to appear in a drama about Nelson Mandela — but would not enable only white actors to be recruited for Hamlet."

Other changes proposed include extending race relations legislation to cover people working in the volun-



No Moor: a blacked-up Olivier playing Othello

Guide dogs given right to roam in restaurants

By Alexandra Frean SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT --

RESTAURANTS will no longer be allowed to refuse entry to people with guide dogs, and companies may have to use sign language interpreters for deaf customers, under rules to be implemented next year.

Alan Howarth, the Minister for Equal Opportunities, said that the measures would be introduced from October 1999 as part of the implementation of the Disability Discrimina-

Alun Thomas, the Royal National Institute for the Blind's parliamentary officer, said: "We have been waiting for the Government to fulfil its promise, made eight months ago, to announce implementation of Part III of the DDA. We are pleased they have now done so, but are very disappointed at the time it's taken. Disabled people's rights have been delayed."

The new rules will mean that, from next year, businesses based in inaccessible premises will have to take reasonable steps to provide their service by alternative means. This could mean, for example, home visits by hairdressers or chiropodists to people who use wheelchairs.

By 2004, companies and public-sector organisations will have to avoid "physical features" that make it impossible or unreasonably difficult for disabled people to use a service. The first rights under Part III of the Act came into force in December 1996.

Schools set for start of laptop era BY JOHN GOODBODY

THE first national educational scheme using laptops, which is intended to revolutionise learning for Britain's schoolchildren, is to be announced today.

The Anytime Anywhere Learning (AAL) pilot project will be introduced in September at 27 schools. The use of laptops is expected to spread to all schools in the next century. The progress of the pupils will be monitored by assessors

at Lancaster University and the scheme is being backed by Microsoft and several equipment manufacturers. From next term, one entire

year-group in each school will use laptops to write essays, plot graphs and research top-ics using the Internet and CD-ROMs. The scheme links in with the Government's Green Paper Connecting the Learning Society.

Teachers will spend some of their summer holidays training on the laptops in preparation for the new term.

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Accusations fly over Woodward 'fraud'

THE lawyer sacked by Louise Woodward claimed yesterday that the former au pair's mother was a liar and a fraud. In her first interview since her dismissal last month,

Elaine Whitfield Sharp repeated claims that Sue Woodward was guilty of fraudulently using her daughter's defence fund by claiming expenses for the time she spent at the Sharps' home in Massachusetts. Ms Whitfield Sharp insists that Mrs Woodward stayed free of charge.

At the Woodwards' home village of Elton, Cheshire, yesterday, the fund's trustees met to consider the claim for £9,000 and decided unanimously that Mrs Woodward had done nothing wrong.

Speaking at a press conference outside the vicarage in Elton, the Rev Ken Davey, chairman of the fund, said: The trustees have, since the commencement of their administration of the fund, considered that Sue and Gary Woodward have always acted in an honest and straightforward manner.

The recent allegations from America, strenuously denied by Mrs Woodward, do not lead the trustees to alter this opinion. At the meeting this morning, the unanimous decision of the trustees was to continue to support Louise and her family."

When she heard the result of the meeting, Ms Whitfield

Tunku Varadarajan and Russell

Jenkins on sacked US lawyer's

fraud, said the trustees had

ducked the issue after Mr

Davey declined to answer

deny the invoices are phoney.

They don't deny that is Susan

Woodward's handwriting. They don't rise to my chall-

enge to produce the cancelled

cheque. My message to the

trustees is simple: put up or

from her home to read her

own statement. "I have heard

what Ken Davey has said and

have nothing further to add.

I fully endorse what both Ken

Davey and Andrew Miller

[MP for Ellesmere Port and

Nestoni have said. "I have

nothing further to add at this time and will make no further

comment until the Supreme

Court gives its ruling."

Louise Woodward remains

in America awaiting the rul-ing over her appeal against

her conviction for the man-

Mrs Woodward emerged

anger at defence fund's trustees

Sharp said: "It's not nice to be lied about. I can't believe that Susan Woodward says she for the misappropriation of our name. They used our name to perpetrate a fraud. didn't stay here for free. That is incredible. As for the trustees, it's a bit like the rabbit in Winnie the Pooh - all her friends and relatives are on the trust committee, so what do you expect?"

She said that she and her husband, Dan, also a lawyer, were considering every legal option at their disposal. "Libel is the first one. I think you can expect that we will pursue that vigorously. Also I think we will very probably pursue her



Davey: led meeting

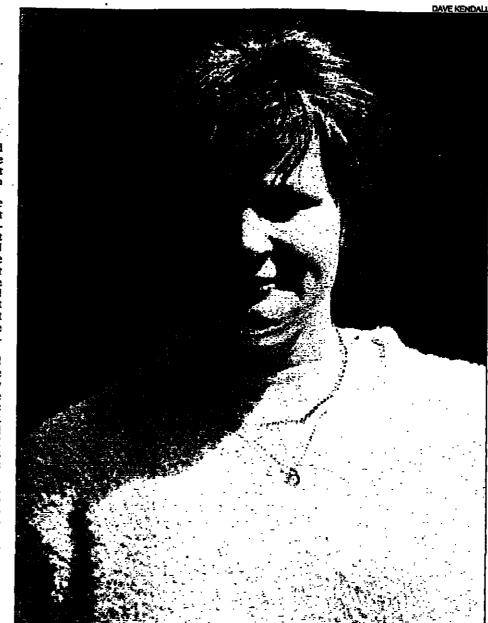
Matthew Eappen and the prosecution's appeal against the reduction in charge from murder, and sentence.

Mr Sharp said he was sure the controversy would not affect the decision. The Supreme Judicial Court is not going to be distracted by all this fol-de-rol," he said. "The We'll pursue this to the end."
Mr Sharp, who initially accused Mrs Woodward of court is interested in what happened at the trial. The defence team proved beyond any reasonable doubt that Louise Woodward is innocent of any crime. That can't be further questions as to whether the £9,000 invoice had been forged. He said: "They don't altered by anything that hap-pens after the trial." His wife had few kind

words for the other defence lawyers in the case, Barry Scheck, Harvey Silverglate and Andrew Good. She said: "The other lawyers haven't stood by me. Why? I will tell you. It's because I developed the medical defence and I was the key attorney. Scheck is supposed to be the wizard, and they don't want people to think that I did the work. These people — Scheck, Silverglate and Good — these people couldn't navigate their way out of a phone booth, forensically speaking."

Ms Whitfield Sharp said

that she had no regrets about taking the case. "But I do regret something. What I do regret is that I didn't check out Susan and Gary Woodward more before I let them into my



Sue Woodward outside her house in Elton yesterday before reading a statement

Robbers cleared of **Briton's** murder

FROM CHRIS LOGAN IN CAPE TOWN

THE widow of a Briton murdered in South Africa broke down yesterday after two men were cleared of killing him. Estelle Gaskell, who had defied fears of reprisals to testify against the men, wept when she was told of the verdicts. "They killed my husband, they took him away from me," she screamed at her mother after being telephoned

at home with the news. Mrs Gaskell, 26, had just told her husband, Stuart, that he was to be a father when a gang raided the lorry hire firm in Cape Town that he managed. They shot him dead as they were leaving. The couple had emigrated to Cape Town from Bacup, Lancashire, a few months earlier.

Yesterday, at the end of a six-day trial, two men were acquitted of the murder but convicted of robbery. They will be sentenced tomorrow. A third man - who had the murder charge against him dropped earlier in the trial was cleared of robbery.

Mrs Gaskell's mother, Gloria Armistead. said: "Estelle is devastated. She decided not to go to court for the verdicts because she didn't want to be laughed at by these men if they got off. Now she's abso-lutely heartbroken."

Last September Mrs Gaskell gave birth to a daughter.

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M1 lorry 'hero' may face charge

By Stewart Tendler CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THE lorry driver who was hailed as a hero after fighting to halt an out-of-control juggernaut on the M1 may face a charge of dangerous driving.

Police sources said yesterday that the lorry could have been halted at any time if Michael Rayner, 26, had switched off the engine. Scotland Yard said that a

report by police accident specialists was expected to be passed to the Crown Prosecubeing sent to the Department of Transport.

Mr Rayner called police on his mobile telephone last month to say that he could not cut the speed of his 38-tonne, articulated lorry. He travelled more than 20 miles, with police cars clearing traffic out of his way, and then hit a crash barrier at 70mph.

Later it was reported that he had once been described as suffering from Munchausen's syndrome by proxy, the attennon-seeking disorder. Mr Rayner, from Potters Bar, Hertfordshire, said that the diagnosis was wrong.

After the crash he said that

the lorry would have gone further out of control if he had turned off the engine, but police investigators disagreed. However, they found a defect in the lorry that meant he could not control its speed.

Balloon goes up as joke misfires

By Paul Wilkinson

A POPPED party balloon. burst during a practical joke, sparked a major police alert. While Tommy Dixon carried on vacuuming after using the cleaner to burst the balloon and scare his 16-year-old son, marksmen with machineguns sealed off his street, neighbouring homes were evacuated and a spotter aircraft circled overhead.

Mr Dixon, 45, unemployed, had been cleaning his home in Hartlepool on Monday Tommy Jnr. 16, around the house with an inflated balloon attached to the end of a

vacuum cleaner pipe. The balloon imploded. But it was only when an amplified voice outside told him to come out with his hands up that Mr Dixon realised something was amiss. He said yesterday: 'I wandered into the street and all I could see was guns pointing at me and neighbours watching me."

He was marched down the street and made to lie face down while he was handcuffed. "I was petrified. Now I'm the talk of the neighbourhood. Being Irish doesn't

help."
Police were called by a passer-by who thought she had heard a gun. Mr Dixon. his wife. Yvonne, 38, and their son were released after an

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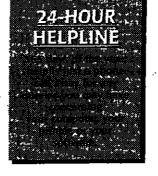
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Girl, 10, died 'as lazy anaesthetist took short cuts'

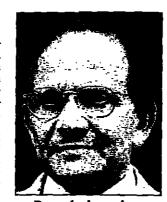
By MARK-HENDERSON

A TEN-YEAR-OLD girl needing surgery on her front teeth, which had been broken in a playground fall, died after an anaesthetist failed to use important equipment, the General Medical Council was told

Kate Dougal suffered heart failure after she was treated by Tapas Basu, 59, a consultant anaesthetist, at a dental surgery in Long Eaton, Derby-shire, in January 1996. Dr Basu failed to weigh her or take her blood pressure before administering the anaesthetic. failed to monitor her heart rate with an electrocardiogram (ECG) machine and allowed the operation to proceed even though important equipment was faulty and unuseable, the GMC's professional conduct committee was

Dr Basu, who denies serious professional misconduct. was said to have breached three sets of dental anaesthetic guidelines with which he had failed to familiarise himself. He made inadequate attempts to resuscitate the girl, omitting to use a defibrillation machine to restart her heart, the committee was told. He also failed to keep proper contemporaneous notes.

Kate, of Breaston, Derbyshire, was taken by her moth-



Basu: denies serious professional misconduct

at school on January 17. Her dentist, Mark Duckmanton, said that she would need an operation under general an-

aesthetic the following day. The next afternoon Dr Basu asked Miss Dougal questions about her daughter's medical history but did not weigh her or take her blood pressure, the committee was told.

Miss Dougal said that Dr Basu asked her to hold Kate's hand while he inserted a drip. "Dr Basu told Kate it would be like a cat scratch, and Kate was talking about her two cats as she went to sleep," she said. Dr Basu asked her to leave the theatre for the 20-minute operation.

He attached the girl to a machine to monitor her pulse and oxygen level, and passed er. Patricia, to the surgery an oxygen tube down her immediately after her accident throat. He did not attach her

capnograph to monitor carbon dioxide levels. The capnograph was broken, but there was a working one in the surgery's second theatre, which was not in use.

Ten minutes into the operation, Dr Basu noticed that his patient's heart rate had dropped, said Rosalind Foster. counsel for Miss Dougal and Kate's father, Eddie Quinn. The ECG, which was now attached, showed heart failure, but Dr Basu used neither the defibrillator not advenaling to restart it.

dental surgery's principal, Altered manual heart massage. Paramedics were called and tried to start her heart with a defibrillator, but Kate was pronounced dead shortly after arrival at the Queen's Medical Centre in Nottingham. An inquest jury returned a verdict

Mr Duckmanton and the

Miss Foster said that Dr Basu worked three days a month at the surgery and usually performed 15 general anaesthetics a day. "You may ask whether this led to short cuts being taken."
He had ignored profession-

al guidelines and the rules of the agency that employed him. Miss Foster said. These were careless, lazy, practices, ignoring accepted standards of care.

The hearing continues.



Kate Dougal needed dental surgery after a fall in her school playground

Doctor asks court to jail ex-colleague

By Peter Foster

A DOCTOR asked the High Court yesterday to jail a former colleague, in the latest move during a ten-year legal battle that has cost him his house and his practice.

Malcolm Smith, 42. was awarded £150.000 damages in 1991 against Alanah Houston, who falsely accused him of sexual harassment. The award was reduced on appeal to £50,000, but Dr Smith said yesterday that Dr Houston had paid him only £1,000. He asked the court to jail her for concealing her assets and breaking a series of asset-freezing injunctions.

The legal fees in the case.

which began in 1989, total almost £500,000. Dr Houston. 54, declared herself bankrupt when she lost the case with costs of £300,000 against her. While Dr Houston was

discharged from bankruptcy and now works as a police surgeon. Dr Smith has pursued his case through the courts, representing himself to keep costs down.

Yesterday he accused his former partner in a surgery in Northampton of being an "inveterate liar" and waging a vendetta against him. He told Mr Justice Tucker: "Dr Houston has a pathological hatred of me, to the extent that she stops at nothing to bring about my ruin. Her whole aim was to

remove me from the Hunsbury practice for her own financial and professional benefit. She's a very intelligent and cunning woman; a woman of considerable influence and who is indeed an inveterate liar." Yesterday's hearing was

the latest in a long list of legal actions fought by Dr Smith. He admits he has been ruined by the saga, which has left him with debts of almost £300,000.

Before the hearing he said: 'I haven't got any money at



Smith: says Houston, below, owes £49,000



all. I've lost my house, I've lost my surgery and my valuable practice. Every penny I had has been paid over to my solicitors. At the moment I have become a full-time litigant-in-person.

"I'm living on the charity of my family. I'm living with my father in Chesterfield, who feeds and keeps me. I have bills outstanding that I cannot pay, but none of my creditors has so far issued a bankruptcy petition against

Dr Houston, now a family planning doctor in Milton Keynes, who acts as a forensic medical examiner for the police and gives expert evidence at rape and child abuse trials, denied that she

Review clears woman's 'murderer' after 23 years in jail

By STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A MAN aged 70 who has spent 23 years in jail for murder is expected to be cleared by the Court of Appeal this week and to seek record reparation from the Home Office.

Patrick Nicholls was jailed in 1975 for the murder of Gladys Heath, 74, a family friend found at her home in

Worthing, West Sussex. He has always insisted he found her at the foot of stairs but two pathologists concluded she died of a heart attack after being suffocated and beaten about the face.

A review of the case by Professor John Crane, an Irish state pathologist, has decided that the facial injuries were trivial and were proba-bly caused by the fall, which was

prompted by the heart attack. In a report for the Criminal Cases Review Commission, he said the earlier findings were meaningless and ambiguous. The two pathologists, Dr Hugh Johnson and Professor J. M. Cameron, are both dead.

Legal sources said yesterday that Crown Prosecution Service would not challenge Professor Crane's report and that Mr Nicholls,

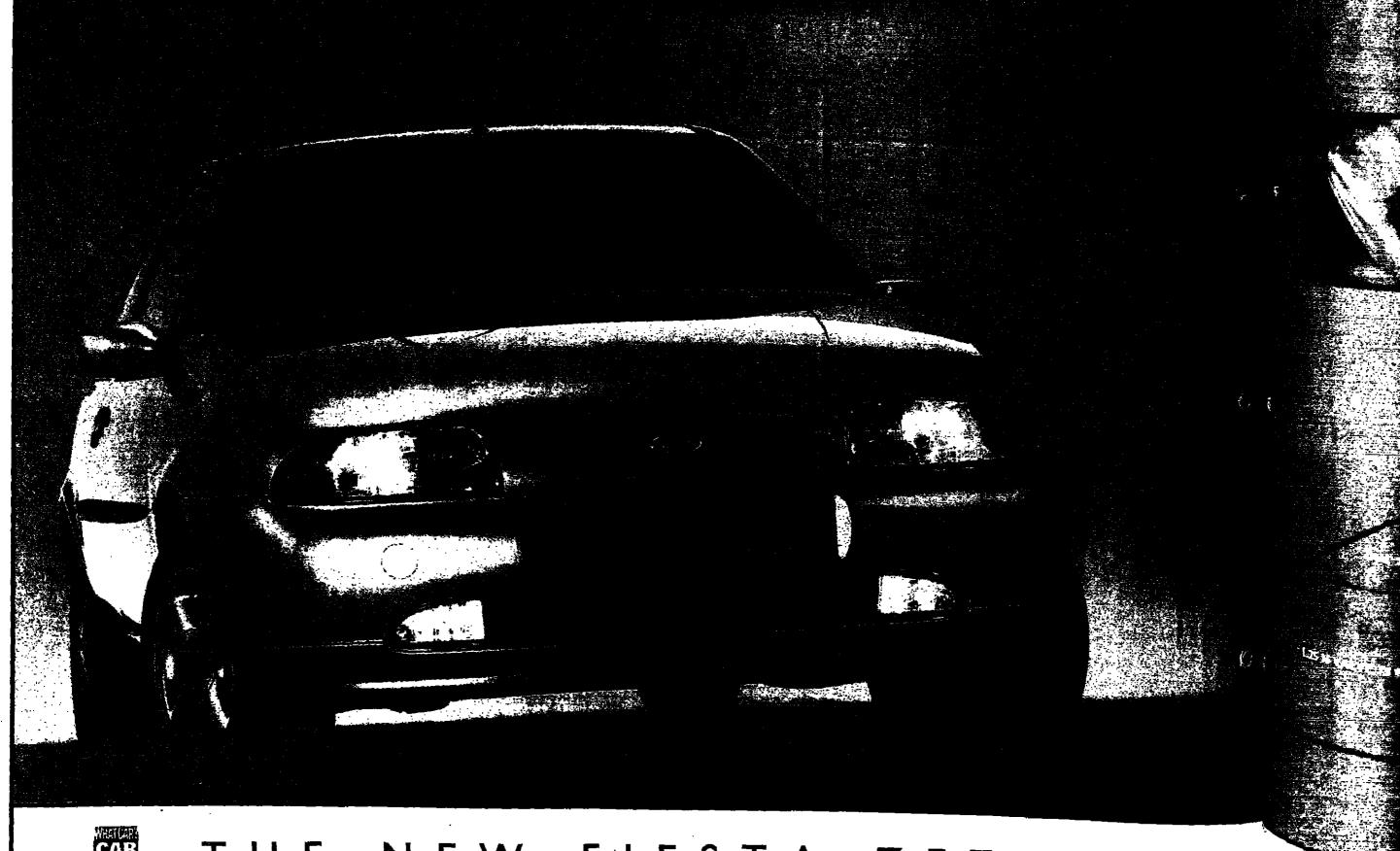
likely to be cleared after a short hearing. Mr Nicholls would have been released many years ago if he had been prepared to show remorse but he alway refused to admit guilt.

He said yesterday that he was shaken by events and "a bit taken aback". His common-law wife at the time he was arrested is now dead, as are other members of his family,

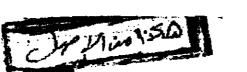
who has been on bail since March, is although he has a number of children. He has had a stroke and suffers from arthritis.

Legal sources say that if he is cleared he will seek compennsation from the Home Office for the longest-running miscarriage of jus-tice. The Birmingham Six served 16 years each and were awarded about £200.000: Mr Nicholls could reasonably expect more.

hated Dr Smith: "I just think it's all very sad and I pity him. This is all very, very old, it's dead and buried. I've tried to put things behind me and start a new life."



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NEWS IN BRIEF

Extradition

move in

Guerin case The Dutch Supreme Court

yesterday ordered the extradi-tion to the Irish Republic of Brian Mechan, 32, wanted in connection with the murder two years ago of the crime journalist Veronica Guerin. The court, sitting in The

Hague, upheld an earlier The extradition order will

be examined by the Dutch

Justice Department before fi-

nal authority for the extradi-

Briton arrested

A British systems analyst has

been arrested in Pattaya.

Thailand, and charged with

making pornographic films

and selling them over the Internet. Kim Dabber, 45.

from Didcot, Oxfordshire,

A London taxi driver was

could face two years in jail.

Rape acquittal

Lawrence town wants prodigal son to return

Robin Young on moves to bring writer's ashes home

from their crumbling resting place in New Mexico

The place where the ashes are

is very hard to get to. This is

not meant to be a slur on the author or on the people of

England, but the fact is that

New Mexico is a very poor

state and the university is not

the richest in the United

States. Our first priority has to

be teaching on the main

Visitors to the shrine have

remarked on its condition.

campus."

HOME SWEET HOME?

Lawrence, whose views of Britain were often disparaging.

had scant regard for the university that wants to

perpetuate his memory. In a doggered skit he wrote:

D.H. LAWRENCE may soon be repatriated, though whether he would be pleased at the

WEDNESDAY TONESON

urt to jail colleague

thought is at best doubtful. The writer died in 1930 in the South of France but, since 1935, his cremated remains have lain in a concrete block in a shrine in Taos, New Mexico. A move to bring him home to Nottingham has been prompted by dismay in this country that the shrine is crumbling. The University of New Mexico says it can no longer afford to maintain the site.

Rachel Maurer, of the univ-

"In Nottingham, that dis-

Where I went to school

For a new dispensation

Built it most grand and

Derived from the shrewd

Of good Sir Jesse Boot."

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ersity, said yesterday: "It is in disrepair and that, to a certain the visitors' book reads: "Sorry to see you lain here in such a extent, is because it is a case of being out of sight, out of mind.

The feeling in Nottingham that Lawrence's ashes should now be brought back to his home city and placed in a new building within the University of Nottingham, named the Lawrence Pavilion. Graham Chapman, leader of Nottingham City Council, said yesterday: "If they cannot look after the shrine over there, then it would be sensible to bring it back here. It would be nice if we could get the ashes back in time for the

Milan Radulovic, a fellow councillor, said that he was horrified by the situation. The ashes should be brought back to their rightful place. This is where Lawrence was born and spent his formative years, and his major work was from this area. If the Americans cannot afford the upkeep. and if they have any decency, they should give the ashes back to us."

inauguration of the pavilion."

Peter Preston, of the DH Lawrence Centre at the University of Nottingham, said: "One would have hoped they would take more care of



The shrine in New Mexico where D.H. Lawrence's ashes have rested since five years after his death in 1930

it. I am writing to say how dismayed I am and to point out what care we in Nottinghamshire take of things connected with Lawrence."

The centre has already acquired the George Lazarus archive of Lawrence's manuscripts and letters, some 1,400 items conservatively valued at £1.5 million. It has also been in negotiation with people in Taos for the return of a series

of Lawrence's paintings, which were seized from a London gallery in 1929 after being judged obscene. Law-

Lord Chamberlain's furnaces only by promising to remove them from the country. They went to Taos, where hotel owners bought them from the estate of Lawrence's widow,

rence rescued them from the

Any move to bring the ashes to this country would run counter to her wishes. She bequeathed the remains to the University of New Mexico in

It was because of Lawrelationship with rence's that Nottingham Frieda

shunned him for many years. university appeal for National She had formerly been the Lottery funds. wife of Ernest Weekley, Law-Lawrence was born in Eastrence's tutor at what was then wood. Nottinghamshire, and

died in Vence, near Nice, at the age of 44. He and Frieda had lived at Taos, an artists' community, between 1922 and 1925. Lawrence's body was buried in France, but it was exhumed and cremated and, in 1935, taken to Taos on Frieda's instructions. His ashes were cast

ham who remained loyal to into a concrete slab and laid in Any new acquisitions of a chapel-shrine at a hilltop Lawrence mementoes is quite ranch where visitors still pay likely to be funded by a

University College, Notting-

ham. Lawrence went to visit

the professor in 1912, intend-

ing to gather contacts before

emigrating to Germany, and

ended up running off with his

German wife, much to the

disgust of many in Notting-

cleared of repeatedly raping a 13-year-old girl during a trip to see her idol, the former E17 singer Brian Harvey. Peter Goddard, 40, who admitted indecent assault, was remanded on bail for sentence.

Slaughter arrest

A youth has been arrested in connection with the stoning to death of a sheep at Maidstone, Kent, by four boys and the killing of 60 chickens at a nearby farm. Police said they expected to make further arrests soon.

Laundry death

Ray Washbrook, 26, a laundry worker from Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire, died from multiple injuries after becoming trapped inside an industrial tumble dryer, Letchworth Coroner's Court was told.

Electric yarn

A man was hit by lightning that stretched the sleeves of his sweater but left him uninjured. John Morrison's home in Lower Southrepps, Norfolk, was partly destroyed by the two bolts. Experts are baffled by the phenomenon.

Abused children may lose right to have their own lawyer

By Frances Gibb

CHILDREN who are the victims of abuse may lose the right to have their own lawyer in court cases that determine their future.

Under a government shake-up of welfare agencies, draft proposals to go to ministers shortly will look at whether children at the centre of care proceedings always need both a social worker to represent their interests (a guardian ad litem) as from public funds. The proposals to cut the use of

lawyers in some proceedings would save millions at a time when the Government is committed to bringing the £1.6 billion legal aid bill under control. In more difficult cases, a child is sometimes represented by a social worker, solicitor, junior barrister and QC.

However, any such proposals would be strongly opposed by

well as a lawyer. Both are paid for lawyers acting in children's cases, who say that children already at risk could be further jeopardised by courts making wrong decisions about their future.

The proposals are expected to be among options in a consultation paper being drafted by a working party set up after Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, voiced the idea of a single agency to represent children's interests. At present several agencies are involved: the family court

welfare service, the guardian ad litem service funded by local authorities, and the children's department of the Official Solicitor's Department.

The need for children to have a separate voice in care proceedings was recognised after the death of Maria Colwell, 7, in 1974.

Maria was made the subject of a local authority care order and fostered by her aunt and uncle for five years. While still in local authority care, she was placed back with her mother and stepfather. Her mother successfully applied to the court to have the care order discharged.

She was subsequently killed by her stepfather and the inquiry found she had suffered serious abuse since returning to the family home.

Hilary Siddle, chairman of the Law Society's family law committee, said: The inquiry into Maria Colwell's death highlighted the need

for children to have a separate voice to ensure their separate points of view and interests are given sufficient attention." She said that Lord Irvine of Lairg,

the Lord Chancellor, suggested

when in Opposition that it was not necessary to have a solicitor in every child care case, although later he said he was talking about cases where the local authority and the guardian ad litem agreed about what should be done.

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Minister accused of misleading House of Lords

James Landale on a new disclosure in the Foreign

Office's handling of the Sierra Leone arms affair

pressure over the arms-to-Africa affair last night when a junior Foreign Office Minister was accused of misleading Parliament over a Customs and Excise investigation into the affair.

The Tories said that the position of Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean was becoming untenable after Britain's most senior diplomat disclosed that she was briefed about the investigation on 10 March, seven weeks before Mr Cook.

Hours after the briefing Lady Symons made no mention of the investigation when House of Lords about the activities of the British mercenaries Sandline International in Sierra Leone. Two months later on May II. at the height of the controversy over the arms-to-Africa affair, she virtually denied any knowledge of the Customs investigation became public

Michael Howard, the Shad-ow Foreign Secretary, said that Lady Symons may have to resign because of her failure to mention the investigations into Sandline during her appearances in the Lords. "Baroness Symons has, on the face of it, misled the House of Lords. If it is advertent, it is a resigning matter. So this very serious

Lady Symons insisted last night that she had not misled



Symons: denies any attempt to mislead

the Lords, adding that all her papers on Sierra Leone would be examined by Sir Thomas Legg's independent inquiry into the affair. But she seemed to prepare the way for a climbdown: "If my remarks to the House are shown to have been inaccurate, although made in good faith, I shall of

course correct them." Lady Symons became the third Foreign Office Minister to be dragged into the Sierra Leone affair yesterday when Sir John Kerr, the head of the Diplomatic Service, told an all-party committee of MPs Customs investigation on 10 March. MPs were astonished by the disclosure because the Foreign Secretary was not informed until 28 April. Tony Lloyd, the Minister for Africa. was not informed until mid-April even though he spoke in a Commons debate on Sierra Leone on 12 March, two days

after Lady Symons's briefing.

als had briefed Lady Symons first because they felt she should be prepared for questions in the Lords from Lord Avebury, the Liberal Demo-crat peer. Officials did not brief Mr Lloyd before the Commons debate because they did not feel he would face specialised questioning from

Sir John faced a hostile reception from the Foreign Affairs Select Committee after he initially refused to answer questions about when Lady Symons was briefed about the Customs investigation. He said he did not want to prejudice the Legg inquiry. But he opened up when senior committee members warned him that he could be in contempt of Parliament.

Sir John Stanley (C. Tonbridge and Malling) warned him that he could not "hide behind" the Legg inqui-ry because it was not a judicial

inquiry.
During heated exchanges,
Sir John looked tetchy as MPs
from across the political spectrum fired a series of hostile questions at him. He banged the table with his fist, jabbed his finger and pointed his fountain pen at MPs.

The committee went into a private session for the final 30 miuntes to question Sir John about intelligence issues. Committee members refused to comment on the closed session, but said they were dismayed by Sir John's performance at the public hearing.



Dynamic duo: the Labour MPs Mark Todd and Denis MacShane yesterday

MPs desperate for a role

By James Landale

SOME wore slinky boxer shorts over their suits, others donned World Cup football shirts, and more than a hundred cycled through the centre of London.

MPs were yesterday doing what they do best making fools of themselves for the cameras to highlight a cause close to their hearts. Such antics used to be

confined to a small minority

of the more extreme publicity backbenchers, frustrated by their lack of importance in a chamber with such a large government majority are turning to stunts and gimmicks to make their mark.

Yesterday about ten MPs cavorted there with individually designed boxer shorts to highlight a campaign against testicular and prostate cancer. Other MPs supBike Week.

Last month Michael Hancock (LD, Portsmouth South) spent an hour with four other MPs in a three-foot-high cage to protest against fur farms. He said: "This sort of thing is the visual alternative to the soundbite and MPs have grasped it with relish. It comes down to frustration. Unless you are in the inner Labour Cabinet, you are not going to change anything."

Lib Dems will fight on over press pricing

By James Landale, political reporter

Liberal Democrats pledged yesterday to press on with their campaign to ban predatory pricing by newspapers after their latest attempt

was defeated in the Commons. The Government used its majority on the committee examining the Competition Bill to overturn a new clause added by the Lords that would have outlawed the practice. The clause was designed to ensure press diversity by preventing newspapers using a dominant market position to eliminate competitors. It was widely seen as being aimed directly at The Times, which has increased its circulation from 390,000 to 800,000 since

cutting its cover price in 1992. The Times denies engaging in predatory pricing, a view upheld three times by the

Office of Fair Trading.

Ian McCartney, the Trade
and Industry Minister, argued yesterday that the Bill. designed to bring British competition law in line with Europe, aiready banned predatory pricing and that the new clause was unnecessary and unworkable. Seventeen Labour MPs voted against the clause two Liberal Democrats voted for it and the seven Tories abstained.

David Chidgey, the Liberal Democrat Trade and Industry spokesman, said that the party would try to table a similar amendment when the Bill returned to the floor of the Commons for its report stage. Although any such attempt would almost certainly be defeated by Labour's massive majority in the Commons. the Liberal Democrats will have a

further chance to reintroduce

the clause when the Bill returns to the Lords.

The Government argues that the Bill enshrines into statute the Tetra Pak ruling of the European Court of Justice, which says that any marketdominant company that consistently lowers its price below average variable costs is in breach of the law. But the Liberal Democrats say legal opinion varies on this point and that a "belt-and-braces" clause referring specifically to

newspapers is essential.

Mr Chidgey said the clause was designed for all newspapers, adding: "This is not an anti-Murdoch campaign."

Mr McCartney said that the Bill already provided prohibition against abuse of market dominance, adding: "We are clear that it is time to stamp out abusive behaviour including predatory pricing."

But the Liberal Democrat

clause would have "serious detrimental effects" on the newspaper industry. By banning legitimate as well as illegitimate competitive campaigns by newspapers, press diversity might be reduced: "Strong newspapers which establish a good circulation by result threaten the survival of poorer papers, would fall foul of this prohibition."

John Redwood, the Shadow President of the Board of Trade, also opposed the Liberal Democrat clause but said that he could not support the Government because its Bill was poorly drafted. He said it could be improved to make it crystal clear that predatory pricing by newspa-pers is an offence".

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Britain may pay dearly for EMU entry delay

THE British opt-out from the European single currency has blinded many Westminster politicians to the huge political, as well as economic, commitment made to monetary union by the 11 initial participants. The question is no longer whether EMU will start on time, but, rather, will it work? The Tories are implicitly betting that it won't, while Government is working on the assumption that it will. The question is explored in a

fascinating new report. The European Central Bank: Will it Work?, from the European Communities Select Committee of the House of Lords (a committee incidentally with a balance of three hereditary to eight life peers). The committee heard from all the key players, including both designated presidents of the new Bank, Wim Duisenberg and

Jean-Claude Trichet. There was a revealing divide among the witnesses. between continental optimism and British scepticism. Yves de Silguy, the European Com-missioner, said: "I hope it will work. I am sure it will. All the ingredients are there. It depends on the people's will, the ministers' political will." The British witnesses tended to focus more on potential prob-

iems and strains. The committee concludes that the political mood has shifted recently in favour of the goals of monetary and fiscal stability. However, it stresses that central bank independence must not mean isolation from, or indifference to, the real economy, notably by contacts with national central bank governors and finance ministries, as well with business. It urges the new Bank to apply any monetary targets in a flexible manner in pursuit of low inflation.

The committee is "optimistic that the European Central Bank can and will do a good job of achieving price stability across the euro zone". It identifies two principal economic dangers - fiscal profligacy (excessive and unjustified budget deficits) and failure to make structural reforms. The first is much reduced by "the prevailing and strengthening culture of stability", though sustained efforts to reduce national debt ratios will be required by some countries.

The greater danger, according to the committee, comes from the possibility of national failure to make essential structural reforms by freeing up labour, product and financial markets. This shifts responsibility to national governments which "in due course, will have to convince their electorates that these reforms are required, with or without the single currency, and will lead to greater economic health and prosperity". That raises precisely the British dilemma.

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Is structural reform a precondition for a successful EMU? Or will the tight monetary and fiscal obligations of EMU force countries to adopt structural reform? However, Britain already has more flexible markets than in most of the rest of Europe, and therefore

should be well-placed for

The most striking feature of the past year has been that EMU will start on time, "the result of a sustained investment of political will by the leaders of the countries involved". That is often under-

costs of failure would be such that we assume an overwhelming political will to make it acceptable and successful. The European Central Bank is an essential element in the operation of the single currency. While the risks are considerable, we do not expect it to be allowed to fail". Nor do The risk they now face is that the decision to delay a referendum, and entry, until after the next election does not necessarily coincide with the best time to enter. Buying time politically may have big costs economically. Just watch what happens to sterling.

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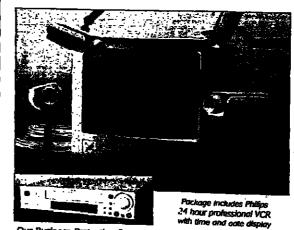
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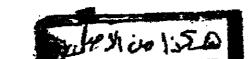
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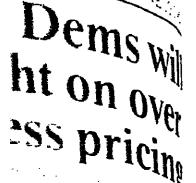
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Three-nation collaboration running

years late, reports Michael Evans

AN £8 BILLION programme to build a common frigate for the navies of Britain, France and Italy is turning into a scandal, according to the edi-tor of Jane's Fighting Ships.

The Horizon project, begun in 1994, "is proving to be a strong contender for the longest, most expensive and least effective international naval project in history", Captain Richard Sharpe says in a foreword to the latest edition of the publication.

When the three countries agreed to collaborate, it was announced that Britain would buy 12 of the air defence frigates to replace the ageing Type 42 destroyers; France would have four and Italy six. The overall cost, including development, was to be £8 biflion and the first frigates were to be delivered by 2002.

Captain Sharpe, a former submarine commander, says Britain is now "cocooned in a rigid collaborative project" with the French and Italians, and as yet "no single shipyard has been given a contract, nor is there any prospect of this happening until after the millennium". The project, which had already slipped two years. was becoming "a scandal".

Defence industry sources supported Captain Sharpe's gloomy judgment on the frigate programme. One source said that the new official inservice date of 2004 was already regarded as unrealistic. "Some people in the industry believe the first frigate will not be delivered until 2006 or even as late as 2010."

Other sources said the Horizon project had survived only because Britain was so pleased to be involved in a collaboration with the French Attempts have been made by the Ministry of Defence's Proprogramme is wrapped up in politics," one source said. Captain Sharpe said: "Polit-

ically, collaboration is always

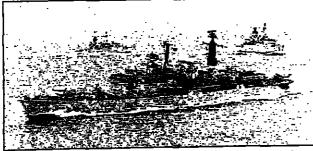
seen as good news and bu-

reaucrats everywhere enjoy the opportunities for establishing international relation-ships." However, it was scandalous because the delays meant that the Royal Navy was having to be deployed to dangerous places in ageing Type 42 destroyers armed with obsolete technology. The Type 42s are equipped with the Sea Dart medium-range anti-aircraft missile, which was obsolete in the 1980s. The Treasury was happy, he said, because "the spending of serious money is constantly

There are indications that the number of Horizon frigates could be reduced under the strategic defence review. France and Italy, which do not have such an urgent need to replace existing air defence warships, are also expected to cut back on their orders for Horizon.

The Ministry of Defence said the Government was still committed to the programme and insisted that the negotiations for the "project definition" stage were going ahead as planned. A spokesman admitted that the in-service date for the first three warships had slipped to 2004, but said the estimated cost had stayed the same. The MoD spokesman said

there were no splits between Britain. France and Italy. However, Britain was developing a different radar from the other two partners. Moves were also under way to advance to the next stage in resolving the surface-to-air missile issue. The warship is expected to be armed with the the project, but the whole French/Italian weapon.



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Living in the shadow of the bomb: Kenneth McGinley, who yesterday lost his test case against the MOD

Nuclear testing veterans lose case

VETERANS of 1950s Pacific nuclear tests who say their health was ruined by the blasts lost a test case against the Ministry of Defence in the European Court of Hu-

man Rights yesterday.

The ruling will come as a blow to 22,000 former servicemen and 1,000 civilians who were hoping a positive result would bring compensation of up to £100,000 each.

Edward Egan, 59, and Kenneth McGinley, 60, both from the Glasgow area, took the Ministry of Defence to that it withheld documents that could have earnt them a compensation settlement or a pension. They claimed that this amounted to a breach of Article Six of the European Convention on Human Rights, which guarantees the ight to a fair trial.

But Judge Rudolf Bern-hardt ruled that the ministry had not violated their rights, even though the European Commission on Human Rights ruled in the veterans' favour in 1996.

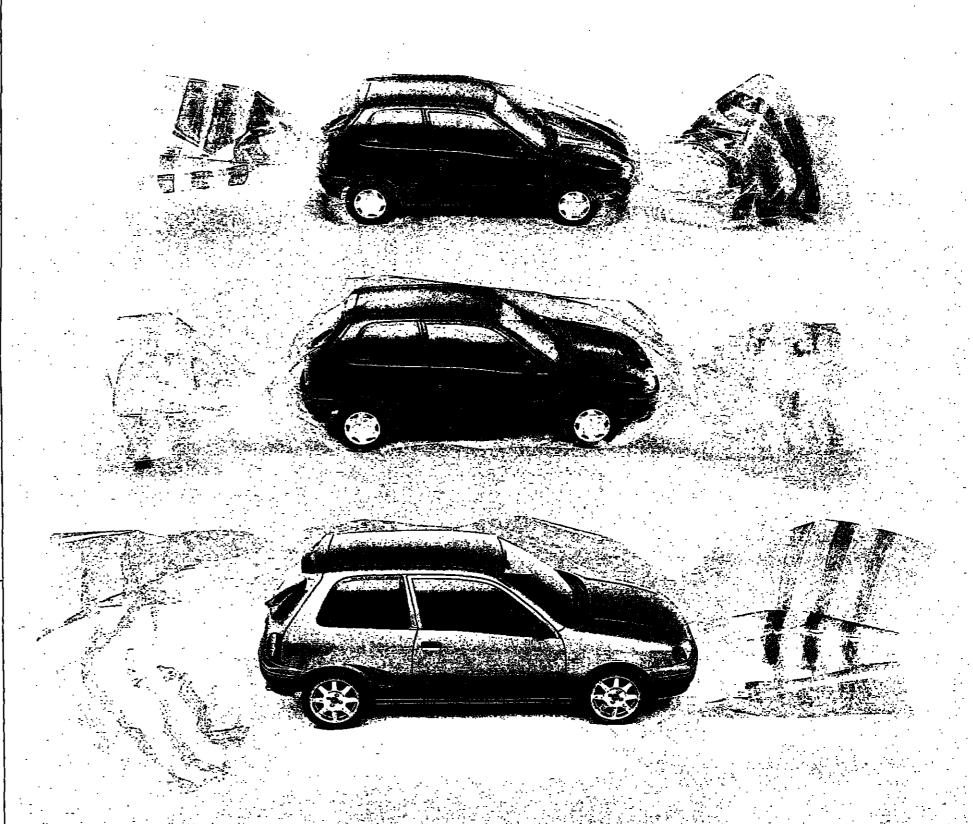
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The young McGinley on Christmas Island

Ginley say they were among thousands ordered to line up in the open - with no protection - 20 miles from where an eight-megaton Christmas Island in 1957.

Veterans of the blast, who have formed the British Nuclear Tests Veterans Association to fight their case, allege they were deliberately exposed to radiation to see how their bodies would react. Four of the nine judges dissented from the court's findings yesterday, but their objections are not known.



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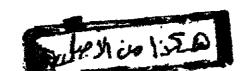
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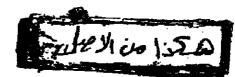
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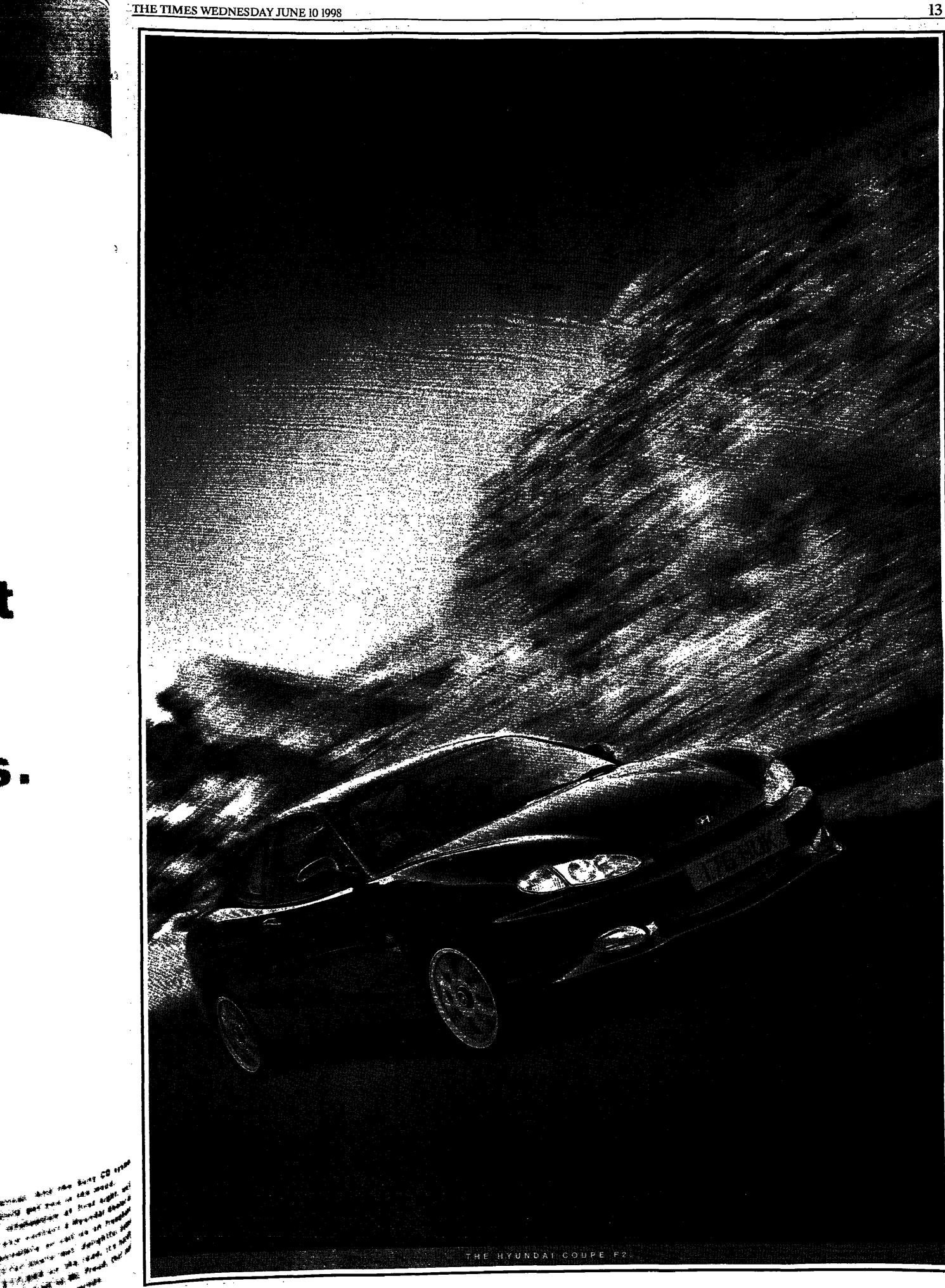
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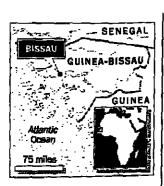




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Guinea flies 400 troops to Bissau

By MICHAEL BINYON

AN ATTEMPTED army rebellion in Guinea-Bissau has left the former Portuguese African colony in turmoil. Senegal has massed troops on the border and 400 troops have been flown in from the neighbouring former French territory of Guinea to help the Government in Bissau.

A US diplomat reported that the 400 troops had arrived at the presidential palace by helicopter to help President Vieira. But the rebels were said to control the

Loyal troops failed to retake a military complex in the capital yesterday. The head of the mutinous troops, General Ansumane Mana, the former army chief, urged Mr Vieira

The general, sacked six months ago during investiga-tions into arms trafficking with separatists, said he did not seek office himself but wanted a transitional government pending new elections next month. But Fernando Delfim Da Silva, the Foreign Minister, stranded in Lisbon after flights were cancelled, called the polls plea a joke.

Fighting began on Sunday, and continued yesterday in the Bissau suburb of Bra and around army headquarters. with reports of mortars and automatic weapons being used by both sides. At least 30 people were reported killed. The military situation was said to be deadlocked.

The West African country of a million people was settled by the Portuguese in the 15th century and gained independence in 1974. Its people live mainly from fishing and farming, and average in-comes are only \$240 (£147) a year. Life expectancy is 45 years. The country is dependent on foreign aid.

Calls for democracy mount as Nigeria gets new ruler

By MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE Commonwealth yesterday called for the release of all political prisoners in Nigeria and insisted that all parties should take part in the August elections.

Chief Emeka Anyaoku, the Secretary-General and a former Nigerian Foreign Minister, said the Commonwealth was ready to help the country after the death of General Sani Abacha. But he warned the new leadership not to pursue the same policies on democracy and human rights. That would make it harder for Nigeria to return to the Commonwealth, from which it is suspended.

Abacha set his country on a collision course with the 53nation organisation by not allowing anyone except him-self to stand in the elections. Unless the Commonwealth is satisfied that the poll will be fair, Nigeria faces further sanctions and possible expulsion from the Commonwealth. Chief Anyaoku's call in Harare was echoed across the West as General Abdusalam Abubakar, Chief of the Gener-

succeed Abacha in Abuja. The US joined Britain in calling for a "genuine" transition to democratic rule, voicing hopes that the new leadership would make credible the present transition programme. This must include a transparent and open process, free political activity, the release of political prisoners and freedom of the press, the State

al Staff, was sworn in to

Department said. General Abubakar, a quiet, bespectacled career soldier who has never held high political office, has not said if he will be the sole candidate for election in August.

Opposition spokesmen and human rights activists in Nigeria called for the immediate release and installation in office of Chief Moshood Abiola, the presumed winner of the last general election in 1993, who was imprisoned after the military coup.

in Lagos and south and Nigeria, celebrations greeted the news of Abacha's death. There were reports of impromptu parties in some areas, and many expressed joy



Nigeria's new leader, General Abdusalam Abubakar, right, with General Sani Abacha in Abuja in March

that the military dictator was dead. Foreign diplomats gave a warning that the Yoruba, from which Chief Abiola comes, might not accept a new military leader from the Muslim north. But even opposition politicians conceded that there was little prospect of challeng-

ing military power.

A more sombre mood was evident in Kano, the main city in the north and stronghold of the ruling junta. Thousands lined the streets and troops were out in force.

Although most world leaders offered condolences to Abacha's family, few expressed any sense of loss. African leaders observed a minute's silence at their annual summit in Burkina Faso, but other statesmen called for a new beginning on human rights and democracy.

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Abacha plundered oil wealth and led economy to disaster

By Michael Dynes

REGARDED as one of the most brutal rulers of Nigeria. General Sani Abacha was also one of the most brazen plunderers of its resources.

A large amount of the \$10 billion (£6.25 million) Nigeria earns every year from the oil industry was systematically siphoned off by Abacha and his network of military and political cronies, whose untrammelled greed is the sole reason for Nigeria's catastrophic economic decline. Military rulers have always

controlled the country's oil trade. Previous leaders had the wisdom to distribute a percentage of the proceeds to

supporters, but Abacha's military regime sought sole ownership of Nigeria's mineral wealth.

Big international companies such as Shell, Mobil, Texaco and Chevron pumped out most of the oil. but the largest single share went to the Nigerian state oil company. This was then sold on to world traders under Abacha's personal direction.

Working from Aso Rock, his fortified presidential villa in Abuja, Abacha and his entourage tapped into every stage of oil extraction, processing and marketing in a naked bid for personal enrichment. They solicited bribes from foreign companies in return for licences to prospect for oil in the Niger River delta and basin, and offshore. They received bribes from construction firms that won contracts for drilling rigs and pipelines. and they personally supervised the sale of every contract for Nigerian crude, raking off huge commissions.

Abacha and his henchmen raided the budgets of the state-owned refineries - an act that crippled the refineries and created the paradox of petrol shortages in the oil-rich country. Nigeria was forced to import petroi.

Since the 1970s, diplomats calculate that Nigerian leaders have salted away a staggering £136 billion.

Ecstasy targeted at foes of apartheid

Cape Town: The apartheid military establishment made vast quantities of the drug Ecstasy to incapacitate its enemies as part of its chemical warfare programme, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission has been told.

Johan Koekemoer, an organic chemist, informed a special hearing here that experiments were also carried out on the use of Mandrax, cannabis and the nerve gas BZ, but he was unclear whether large amounts of these drugs were ever produced. Mr Koekemoer, who was recruited to the South African military's chemical and biological warfare programme in 1986, said he had made 2,006ib of Ecstasy. (AFP)

Olive branch to East Timor

Jakarta: President Habibie of Indonesia said he was prepared to grant special status within Indonesia to East Timor, in a bid to find a solution to the conflict in the disputed territory, the BBC reported, But East Timorese activists said that President Habibie's gesture was not enough for them to end their long-running guerrilla war. Neverthless, Dr Habibie's comments appear to be a significant change in policy towards East Timor. (AP)

Pope's East bloc expert dies

Rome: Cardinal Agostino Casaroli, right, the former Vatican Secretary of State and the Pope's right-hand man and "foreign minister" for more than a decade, has died aged 83. Mgr Casaroli, an Eastern Europe expert, was behind the Catholic Church's rapprochement with the former Communist Eastern bloc, winning concessions from Marxist states that had persecuted the Church. (Reuters) Obituary, page 23



Manila U-turn on Imelda

Manila: The Philippines Government asked the Supreme Court to uphold a 12-year jail term for the former dictator's widow, Imelda Marcos (Abby Tan writes). Last week the Solicitor-General, Romeo de la Cruz, filed an application to acquit her on the ground she was wrongly convicted. President Ramos sacked him after public uproar and told the Justice Secretary, Silvestre Bello, to withdraw the petition.

Film star whale may go free



Reykjavik: A three-tonne killer whale. Keiko, left, which starred in the film Free Willy about a captive whale's release into the wild, could itself return to its native waters off Iceland. A delegation from the US Free Willy Keiko Foundation was due to visit Iceland to meet David Oddsson, the Prime Minister, who supports the idea of returning the 14-year-old whale, currently in a Mexican amusement park, to the wild. (Reuters)

Swiss to vote on car ban

Berne: Swiss voters are to be asked whether cars should be banned from their country's roads on four Sundays a year. Private motor vehicles would be banned between 4am and midnight on the days in question but public transport would continue to operate. Under Swiss law, proposals that gather 100,000 signatures are voted on in a referendum. (AP)

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India changes tack and offers peace talks

From Christopher Thomas

in delhi INDIA has offered to establish a "stable structure of co-operation" with Pakistan and open a fresh dialogue in the search for peace - the first glimmer of hope in weeks that the two old enemies might be ready to defuse dangerous cross-border tensions after both sides exploded nuclear

Atal Behari Vajpayee, the Prime Minis-

ter, told the Rajya Sabha (the upper house earliest" and, significantly, did not rule of parliament) that India's interests lay in a secure and prosperous Pakistan: a sentiment that reflects fears across the party spectrum that social and political chaos in the Islamic state could spread to India. Pakistan's rhetoric is still hostile, but India has decided it is time to change tack, at least in its public statements. Mr Vajpayee urged the resumption of direct talks between the two countries "at the

out the issue of Kashmir being part of the discussion agenda.

That does not imply any inclination to change Kashmir policy; it does, however, make it politically possible for the Pakistan to enter such talks. But it may not immediately be in the mood to do so. after accusing Delhi of setting off a number of recent bombs that killed large. numbers of people.

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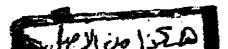
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Kohl astounds allies with new Eurosceptic rhetoric to woo voters

HELMUT KOHL, the German Chancellor, is astounding friends and critics alike by shifting gear on Europe. turning his anger on the European Commission for blocking many favoured German projects, questioning subsidies and unsettling the already restless

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Tony Blair, who saw the German leader yesterday, is the latest European politician to be bewildered by this sudden change of heart in one of the most energetic champions of integration.

The simple explanation is, of course, that Herr Kohl has an German election fever has led to a change

Brussels on at least seven issues:

The Government opposes Euro-

of heart, writes Roger Boyes in Bonn

election to win in September. Since the great majority of Germans oppose the euro, he has to compensate by demonstrating toughness

There is, in fact, nothing new about German feuding with the Commission — postwar economics minister Ludwig Erhard was at loggerheads with Brussels over the balance between market and planned economy; while in the

same post, Count Otto Lambsdorff was a bitter opponent of European steel subsidies.

The difference is that the German position was always clearly defined in terms of a battle for free markets against the protectionist, subsidised competition from France and southern Europe. Now Herr Kohl is fighting in the national interest for subsidies and pean Union restrictions on tobacco

☐ It is going to defy a European Court ruling applying internal market rules to the German health The Finance Ministry is spear-

net contributions to the EU

heading a campaign against what it claims are extravagantly high

Bonn rejects almost every aspect of the Commission's Agenda 2000 proposals for farm reform. The Chancellor recently promised

south German farmers that there would be no changes. ☐ The Government is struggling against European nature protection directives which are being used by ecological protesters to hold up the building of new motorways and railway lines. ☐ Competition Commissioner Karel van Miert, Bonn's particular

bugbear, is still at odds with German authorities about the use of investment aid to help to construct a Volkswagen factory in Saxony. Other European subsidies to east German concerns have been questioned by Brussels.

☐ The Chancellor reportedly exploded with rage when he heard that Brussels - Mr van Miert again - had stopped the pay-TV plans of the Bertelsmann and Kirch concern. Television mogul Leo Kirch is a friend of the

Chancellor. The Chancellor's supporters argue that the Bonn line is a legitimate protest against an over-regulating Commission. "How can we modernise the country successfully when we are hindered in this way?" asks an official. Yet many of the Bonn directives were inspired

by Germany in the first place:

example. The aim was that investment conditions in southern Europe or Ireland would have to face the same minimum standards as in Germany. Now Bonn is rebelling against the Commission with almost Thatcherite zeal.

The result is confusion, not only a harmonious European summit in Cardiff next week. Aspiring EU members from Central Europe who have always looked to Germany as their champion are now beginning to wonder where Bonn stands on enlargement.

Blair endorses plan to curb Brussels power

By Charles Bremner in Brussels AND PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

TONY BLAIR yesterday endorsed a Franco-German push for next week's European Union summit to pave the way for curbs on the EU's centralised powers. He said Britain favoured proposals for a new Maastricht-type conference to reform the Union's internal machinery before enlargement to include some of

the former Communist bloc. On a European tour to prepare for the Cardiff meeting, Mr Blair also described last month's Brussels summit on monetary union, which he chaired, as "a mess" and also said Britons should adopt a more mature and self-confident approach towards the EU. The Prime Minister re-

viewed the latest proposals for EU reform from President Chirac and Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, in visits yesterday to Paris and Bonn as well as to Brussels and Luxembourg. Michael Howard, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, and other senior Conservatives claimed that the joint approach in a letter from the Continent's two big powers, which spoke of the aim of deeper union, amounted to an attempt to foist a Franco-German agenda on the culminating event of the British EU presidency.

Mr Howard said it was an attempt to hijack the agenda. There is an air of we are the big boys. We are going to

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... At the Cardiff European Council, it appears important to us to start an open and objective debate on

important to us to start an open and objective debate on the current state of the process of European integration and its outlook; it is a question of developing the political Union in harmony with Economic and Monetary Union in the context of the forthcoming enlargement.

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Extracts from the Kohl-Chirac letter

Dear Mr President [Tony Blair]

decide what will be discussed. and you had better listen to us little boy Blair. We are the big boys because we run Europe'. Mr Howard seized on the joint letter's statement that "in

some areas a larger measure of integration is urgently necessary" as an attempt to push forward M Chirac's and Herr Kohl's vision of political The Netherlands and other smaller EU states have also

attacked the letter as a way of curbing their own powers in the EU. while French and German commentators have played it down as an attempt by Herr Kohl to play to German anti-Brussels feeling before elections in September. Mr Blair depicted the Bonn-

Paris initiative as a recogni-tion of a long-held British view that the EU had become remote from its citizens and needed to devolve some decision-making away from Brussels. "It's an indication of the

flavour of the future in the European debate," the Prime Minister said after talks in Brussels with Jean-Luc De-haene, his Belgian counterpart. The Kohl-Chirac ideas on trimming the powers of Brussels would "sound like a radical rethink" if they had come from other quarters, he said. Their approach reflected an emerging European con-



Mr Blair and Herr Kohl at the Chancellery in Bonn yesterday during the Prime Minister's tour of Europe

sensus that Britain had helped

to inspire, he said. Mr Blair said he shared the widespread view in the EU on the need soon for a new intergovernmental conference to reshape the Commission and the decision-making procedures in the law-making Council of Ministers. These issues had been left unfinished at the Amsterdam summit last year and "the sooner we resolve that the better". The support of all states would be needed, he added. Mr Howard said that the Kohl-Chirac letter contained no specific

proposals on "subsidiarity". Mr Blair's tour this month of the other 14 EU capitals is a successful summit, we will seen as an attempt to pave the presidency." way for a smooth summit after His stress on Cardiff reflects the bumpy Brussels gathering the Government's desire to

to launch the euro and the European Central Bank (ECB). The Prime Minister said that summit had been his toughest moment in the presidency, but he rejected the accusations that he had been unprepared for handling the French-inspired dispute over the ECB. He had achieved the best possible deal, he said. "It was a short-term mess with a long-term solution."

Mr Blair said "Cardiff will be the ultimate test" for the British presidency. "If we have have had a successful

close its presidency on a high note after mixed reviews for its performance in the six-month EU chair. With no big decisions on the Cardiff agenda. the leaders will take stock of progress on budgetary and other reforms and review their drive to boost employment. Some friction is expected when Herr Kohl presses German demands for a promise of a cut in Bonn's contributions to the EU budget.

Reviewing his record over single market.

Europe, Mr Blair hailed a new EU consensus on the need for market-based economic reform and for bringing the unpopular institions of the EU closer to the people — both central themes of his presidency.

"The central problem is the remoteness that individuals in the nation-states feel for the institutions of Europe," he said. The Union did. however, need deeper co-operation in some areas, such as crimefighting, the environment and foreign policy. It also needed a strong Commission to police its common policies and the

The euro guardians get down to work

FROM DEBORAH COLLCUIT IN FRANKFURT

THE members of the bank that will hold the European Union purse strings from January 1, 1999, held their first

council meeting yesterday. The European Central Bank's (ECB) policy-making body, which will make key decisions affecting nearly 300 million people, met in its headquarters in Frankfurt but without a great deal of celebration. The six-strong team, led by the president, Wim Duisenberg, who was elected amid bitter in-fighting between Germany and France over the post, has started working closely together, completing its management structure.

Based at the now defunct European Monetary Institute, the ECB, with a starting capital of 4 billion euros (£2.7 billion), officially came to life on June I, but has so far made little impression on economic policy. Aware of the time pressure, council members want to move quickly towards a decision on policy tools which will secure the bank's credibility in the run-up to monetary union.

"We won't get a feeling of how they will steer monetary policy." said Jürgen Pfister, head of economic research at Commerzbank in Frankfurt. After the meeting, Mr Duisenberg highlighted some good news on inflation. "The tendency towards inflation in Europe has been dampened." The ECB's six-member exec-

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Italy mulls warning labels on wine

By RICHARD OWEN

TO THE dismay of those who believe a glass or two of red wine a day keeps the doctor at bay, Italian bottles of wine and other alcohol will in future have to bear a health warning similar to those on cigarette packets, under a yesterday.

Furious wine-growers said the move was "an unwelcome intrusion of the Puritan ethic into the traditional Mediterranean way of life. Wine drinking has long been part of the Italian lifestyle. It is rare to see Italians drunk, since the

a loss of all-important image, or la bella figura. Italian and French medical

experts claim that red wine cleans the arteries and reduces cholesterol levels". But Rosy Bindi, the Health Minister, said there was growing alcoholism in Italy and that she wanted to reduce consumption by 25 per cent. Health officials said it was

not vet clear how the Italian plan to put health warnings on wine labels would conform with European Union regulations. "We are looking into this," one official said. The new law, at present being disussed in committee in parliament, would also reduce the amount of advertising of alcohol allowed on television. with a total ban between 4pm

and 7pm.
Sales of wine and spirits would be forbidden at motorway service stations between 10pm and 6am and spirits would be banned at places of work such as factories and offices. The wording on the wine label would read "Warning: alcohol seriously dam-

ages health".

Il Messaggero, the Rome daily, called the move "a grave blow to the tradition of Ezio Rivella, head

which produces Brunello one of Italy's most noted red wines - said the proposed law was "another example of baleful American influence. The Americans have a Calvinist culture, whereas we have been making wine in Italy for 6.000 years. Everyone knows if you drink too much it does

Castello Banfi in Tuscany

Giovannì Puiatti, one of the main wine producers in the northern Friuli region, said that instead of carrying a health warning "the label should say how good wine is

not do you much good, but we do not need interfering offici-

als to tell us that. They are

acting like the ayatollahs of

for you". Franco Maria Ricci, editor of Il Sommellier Italiano, a eading wine magazine, said the proposed restrictions were absurd. "A health warning on the label is not going to stop people drinking too much if they want to. If we must have a message on the label, let it encourage people to drink well and in moderation."

According to official statistics, the average Italian drinks 53½ litres of wine a year, 25 litres of beer and nearly 2 litres of spirits. A million Italians are classed as

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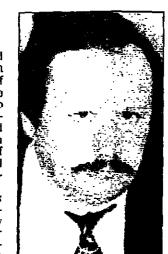
THE head of Russia's central statistical committee has been arrested on suspicion of organising a huge fraud to help several big companies to avoid paying taxes, a government spokesman announced yesterday. The spokesman said a search of the home of the official, Yuri Yurkov, had uncovered more than \$1 million (£613,000) in cash.

The Prosecutor-General's office told Interfax news agency last night that Mr Yurkov had issued a statement after his arrest on Monday, expressing his willingness to confess to embezzlement and bribe-taking. His first deputy, Valeri Dalin. and Boris Saakian, director of the committee's computer centre, were also detained, along with a number of other officials.

The companies involved in the scandal have not been named, but it is understood that Mr Yurkov and the others have been accused of organising a scheme to falsify results to enable the companies to pay substantially less tax. The arrests come after a

A kiss on the cheek could land

you in jail, Italian judges say



Yurkov: \$1 million in cash found at his home

is understood to have implicated a group of more than 20 people in the central statistical service, suspected of largescale embezzlement over the last four years.

The Government's continuing failure to collect tax revenues is seen as the main cause of its poor economic performance, with a yawning hudget deficit, arrears in public-sector wage payments and shaky investor confidence. A new tax code, designed to make it more compatible with a market economy, has long been held up in the State Duma, where it faces strong opposition from the Communists and their allies.

In the wake of last month's economic crisis, when the Central Bank briefly raised interest rates to 150 per cent to restore confidence in the plummeting stock market and lefend the rouble, President Yeltsin appointed Boris Fyodorov, the former Finance Minister, as new head of the tax service. He was told to shake up the service and end a long practice of tax evasion.

Mr Fyodorov announced yesterday that he was sacking a number of senior tax officials on suspicion of corruption. He also announced plans to create a new Ministry of Revenues that would bring together the federal tax service, the tax police and the currency and export supervision service, which currently function as separate agencies. He said a new system of tax

duced for top earners, to enable authorities to scrutinise their incomes more closely. In the short term, Russia appears to have weathered the

declaration would be intro-

crisis, with the rouble holding relatively firm and investors encouraged by a successful treasury bill auction last week. The Central Bank felt confident enough to bring interest rates down to 60 per cent, relieving some of the pressure

on the Government.

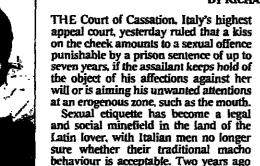
But much still depends on the attitude of the West. During his talks with Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, in Bonn this week, Mr Yeltsin has been determined to play down Russia's reliance on foreign support.

But economists agree that, despite repeated assurances that Russia is capable of dealing with its own problems, the main aim of Mr Yeltsin's trip would have been to secure German support for an international stand-by fund to promote investor confidence. Last night it appeared that he had succeeded.

The tough words of Mr Fyodorov, coupled with the arrest of Mr Yurkov and his associates, would have helped demonstrate Russia's determination to grapple with highlevel corruption. Yet it shows how entrenched the problem is and the magnitude of the task of putting Russia's eco-

year-long investigation by the federal security service, which Pecking order puts Latin lovers in peril

By RICHARD OWEN



sure whether their traditional macho behaviour is acceptable. Two years ago the Court of Cassation overturned a Sardinian man's 16-month prison sentence for sexual harassment after he had kissed a female office colleague on the neck. The court ruled that a kiss on the neck was "not the same as a lustful kiss on the lips in a clear display of desire and intoxication". and that cheeks and necks were not erogenous zones.

But yesterday the court refined its thinking when asked to rule on a separate case in Naples, in which a 65year-old man had landed a kiss on a young woman's cheek. "A woman's cheek is not an erogenous zone as such, but kissing it without the consent of the party involved - especially if the man

holds or restrains her by the arm or hand has the characteristics of a sexual act." the appeal judges said. They were ruling on an appeal by the Naples man, who last September was found guilty by a local court of "acts of libidinous violence" because, in trying to kiss a young woman he did not know on the lips. he "restrained her against her will". He succeeded in kissing her on the cheek only because she turned away.

The girl brought a complaint, and the Naples court found her admirer - or assailant — guilty of sexual violence. Yesterday the Court of Cassation upheld the ruling, declaring that "what matters is not just the kiss but the intention of the kisser". It laid down that the offence was punishable by a jail sentence of between one and seven years.

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Blonde confronts the 'Black Widow'



Paola Franchi arrives at court to testify yesterday



Reggiani: said she wished Gucci dead

Gucci's women in court drama

By RICHARD OWEN

THE two women in the life of Maurizio Gucci. the late fashion dynasty heir, yesterday confronted each other for the first time in the Milan court where five people - including Patrizia Reggiani, his former wife — are on trial for murder.

Signora Reggiani. 50. who spoke for the first time since the trial began a month ago, refused to react when Paola Franchi. 46. who became Gucci's mistress after the marriage broke up, took the stand. Signora Reggiani, who is accused of conspiring to have her former husband killed, sat impassively a few yards away.

Signora Reggiani, once noted in Milan society for her luxurious and glamorous lifestyle, wore no make-up and had her hair tied back. Signora Franchi, by contrast, appeared poised and elegant in a cool, beige linen suit. "It was the battle of the brunette and the blonde," Italian television said. Signora Franchi told the court that Signora Reggiani, who was married to Gucci for 12 years, had come to hate him. She said after the divorce the "Black Widow" (as the Italian press has dubbed her) had done all she could to poison his

new relationship. Signora Reggiani claimed that on the morning of her arrest in January police it was true she had expressed the wish "to see my husband dead", but she was sorry she had said it. She said two of her fellow accused - Pina Auriemma, her clairvoyant, and Ivano Savioni, a night porter, had interpreted her wish without con-

Vatican killer's mother alleges cover-up

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FROM RICHARD OWEN

THE mother of the Swiss Guardsman who a month ago apparently murdered the corps commander and his wife and then committed suicide, said yesterday she believed the Vatican was lying and that her son was killed and "framed".

Muguette Baudat-Tornay, who lives near Martigny, in Switzerland, insisted that her son, Vice-Corporal Cedric Tornay, 23, was not the real murderer, and accused the Vatican of masterminding a "cover-up"

Her claims, in the Rome daily Il Messaggero, brought the killings back into the spotlight despite Vatican attempts to put the episode behind it. A week ago, a 46year-old Swiss army officer, Colonel Pius Segmueller, was appointed to head the Swiss Guard.

Colonel Estermann. 44, and his Venezuelan wife Gladys, were found shot in their Vatican apartment on the evening of May 4. Tornay's body was nearby. According to the official Vatican version of events. Tornay felt persecuted by Estermann and killed the couple before turning his revolver on himself.

In his suicide note, Tomay said it was "they who forced me to do what I am about to do . . . I have to render this service to the Corps and the Catholic Church." He added: "Mama. 1 hope you will forgive me for what I've done . . . I'm sorry to leave you on your own, but my duty is clear."

But Madame Baudat-Tornay said the letter did not ring true. "I think my son was murdered." She said that according to the post mortem examination, the killings took place "beween half past eight and nine in the evening. But I know that Cedric was with friends at that time."

Madame Baudat-Tornay said there were other ques-tions, including the fate of her son's mobile phone, given to him by his confessor, a priest whom her son called shortly before the deaths. "What time did he make the call, and what happened to the phone?" she

Lausanne that her son's alleged suicide note was addressed to her in her married name, whereas he always used her maiden name. It had the length of his service with the Guards wrong by a month - "he was meticulous about such matters" - and was not written on the paper he habitually used. She said she was organising handwriting tests.

Australia opens up to 'pom' power

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

MORE than two centuries after Captain Cook set foot on this week finally got around to forming their own club.

After all, the Scots, the Welsh, the Italians, the Greeks, the Vietnamese, the Chinese and almost every migrant group under the fierce Australian sun has one. On Monday — a public holiday to mark the Queen's birthday — about 150 "poms" gathered at a Sydney hotel for

the official launch of The English in Australia (TEA). They sipped their "English" tea. nibbled on cucumber sandwiches and tucked into plates of scones coated with

clotted cream. More than 870,000 people born in England now live in Australia. which is almost as many as the next five biggest migrant groups combined. TEA is the brainchild of Claire Haines, 30, who emi-

grated to Australia from Devon seven years ago. "So many immigrant groups openly celebrate their cultural heritage, yet the English disappear into the wallpa-

per," she said. Mrs Haines is no ardent royalist, and her view on whether Australia should become a republic is a blunt - "I don't give a monkey's" -although she accepts it is inevitable.

Instead she wants the Eng-lish in Australia to have fun and share the memories of the land they left. There are even plans for Wimbledon Parties and FA Cup Final nights.

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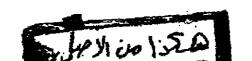
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Mixed sex training for US forces under fire

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

WILLIAM Cohen, the US Defence Secretary, caused a storm of conservative protest in the United States yesterday after he endorsed mixed sex training in the armed forces over the strong objections of Congress.

Less than two years after drill sergeants were charged with sexual misconduct at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, the Army's advanced training base in Maryland, Mr Cohen refused to segregate male and

female recruits in the military. Roscoe Bartlett, a Maryland Republican, accused Mr Cohen of abdicating to the demands of "political correctness than, military

The decision also contradicted a special commission appointed by Mr Cohen which concluded that mixed sex training had contributed to sliding military standards. The panel, led by former Senator Nancy Kassebaum Baker, said recruits should be separated until all basic courses were finished.

Congress, which is considering ending the policy altogether, has already passed a Bill in the House of Representatives that would require single-sex barracks and platoons in boot camp. The Senate is expected to debate the issue this month.

Critics trace the deterioration to a decision by the Army and Navy sexually to integrate boot camp, the rigorous training programme inspired by the Marines. The Marine Corps maintains segregated training units.

Because of the change in 1993, instructors were said to have lowered their standards without women, has demand-

ed that the three services now place more emphasis on core military values during the first weeks of basic training.

The Baker commission had recommended that separate barracks would improve discipline, but the Defence Secretary said he preferred unisex living quarters that contained physical barriers.

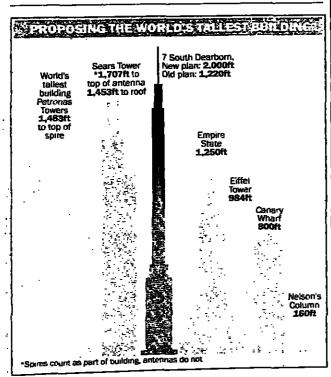
The same-barracks policy has been blamed for promoting sexual relations between recruits just as they are supposed to be transformed from civilians to disciplined sol diers. However, the three services have balked at spending millions on new buildings.

Mr Bartlett and other members of Congress are planning legislation that would create totally separate barracks. "If vou look at the Marine Corps whose motto is senarate sex training, they don't have scandals like Aberdeen that the other services have had," he

Mr Cohen, the only Republican in the Clinton Cabinet. said his decision was made after long consultations with many military officers.

"This is not some politically correct measure that is being imposed from the top down. he said. "I find it somewhat incredulous to think that someone like the chairman of the Joint Chiefs . . . would feel they had to be politically correct if they're going to sacrifice lives or our country's interests. ☐ Seoul: The US-led United

Nations Command and North Korea have agreed to revive a military channel of communication for the first time in seven years, a move that could lead to an easing of tensions to ensure women passed mus- on the 'Korean peninsula. It ter. Mr Cohen, who said it was allows general-level officers of not possible to run the military both sides to discuss "armistice-related issues". (AP)



Sky-high Chicago seeks to rise above its towering rivals

By TUNKU VARADARAJAN

THE city of Chicago could soon be the home of the world's tallest building again. after a local property developer announced plans to erect a 2,000ft office block.

Doing his bit for civic pride, wounded badly two years ago when Chicago's title for the world's loftiest skyscraper was snatched away by Kuala Lumpur, Scott Toberman, the president of the European American Realty Co, has revealed the blueprint for his new building at the intersection of Dearborn and Madi-

Until 1996 Chicago's Sears Tower, at 1.450ft, dwarfed every other man-made structure in the world. That was the year that the Malaysians, flexing tigerish Asian muscle, put up the Petronas Twin Towers, which were ruled to be taller at 1.483ft. The Empire State Building in New York, the eminence grise of skyscrapers, is a mere 1,250ft tall. Mr Toberman had planned originally to build a tower

measuring 1,220ft. But. ac-

cording to The Chicago Tribune newspaper, he later changed his mind and went for a bigger and bolder idea. Why go to the trouble of putting up a gargantuan of-fice block, he reasoned, if it was not going to end up in first place?

The new building, to be christened Dearborn Tower. will cost betweeen \$275 million (£169 million) and \$300 million. It will have 70 storeys, 850,000sq ft of office space. 200 condominiums. and a towering antenna. The latter will be used by Chicago's major television stations to broadcast high-definition digital transmissions at the same time as they emit signals for analogue programming. The existing high-rise antennae capacity, provided by the Sears Tower and the John Hancock Centre, is reported

to be exhausted. Mr Toberman's project will also include more than 1,000 parking places, and would be built on a site of about



A storm victim loses his footing in Hong Kong as more than 15in of rain fell in 17 hours, causing chaos. One man was missing yesterday after jumping into a storm drain in an attempt to save three boys. Two brothers among them were in hospital and the other was unhurt. The heavy rain disrupted travel and some villages were cut off

Baptist legions storm Mormons' **Utah stronghold**

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

biblical proportions, the footsoldiers of the Southern Baptist Convention have ventured into the heart of Mormon country to challenge the fastest growing faith in

The Southern Baptists, an umbrella organisation with more than 15 million members, have earned rebuke and bemusement in equal measure by deciding to hold their annual convention in the city where 152 years ago the leader of the Mormon pioneers stopped his wagon train and said: "This is the place."

The religion was founded in 1830 by a charismatic preacher named Joseph Smith. Half of Salt Lake City's residents and 90 per cent of Utahns outside the state capital are Mormons who believe Jesus was merely one in a line of prophets. Such views make Mormons, in Baptists' eyes, a "counterfeit cult" and prime targets for conversion.

By last Sunday, two days before the convention's start. the visitors claimed to have

IN A missionary drive of knocked on 9.000 doors and biblical proportions, the made 500 conversions. They made 500 conversions. They spent \$600,000 (£375,000) on advertisements promoting Christ as mankind's true sav-iour, and printed 12,500 copies of a book called Mormonism

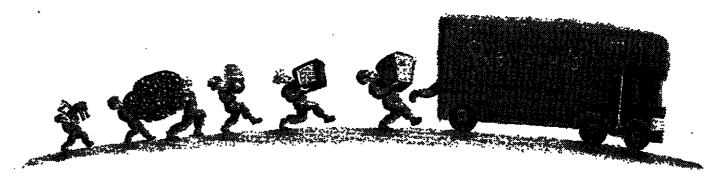
Mormon elders have reacted calmly, and with good reason. Their own missionary efforts currently yield 318.000 converts a year, all of whom tithe their income to the 10 million-strong church.

To minimise confrontation

the Baptist rank and file in Salt Lake City have been given crash courses in Mormon theology and advice on how to engage their de facto hosts in non-aggressive discussion. They are also distributing the New Testament in the King James version - the Mormons' favourite.

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BritPop in the jury room

ou lucky thing!" my friend exclaimed as I read my jury summons into my bag. This was a terrible punishment, and I hadn't even done anything wrong. I mean, fine if you have a salaried job and need a change — it works out cheaper than a fortnight's holiday — but there i was, on the threshold of several burgeoning careers (unemployed) and this was going to wreck my routine (none).

The first Monday morning was hard work — the last time I got up at seven was when I was taking a long-haul flight somewhere. Once at the courthouse, the airport similarities persisted; two long queues had formed and were barely moving. I buried myself in my paper at the other end of the room, but there was an air of excitement that made it impossible to concentrate. What would it be like? Who would we meet? Would there be a swimming pool?

We had been warned about the waiting around so it was not too unbearable, especially when my name was read out FIRST. Yes! I had been picked for the first case! I, who have never won a raffle in my life. And yes! Liam Gallagher (or his close relation) had also been picked. Excellent. In fact, looking around at my fellow jurors, we could have been at a BritPop party. Wish I had been wearing some-thing a bit funkier. Then we were being whisked off to the courtroom, an unromantic pine and neon concoction. There, the judge shuffled our 14 names; only the 12 he read out would sit in on the case. I got through.

As we jostled past each other and settled happily into our places, the atmosphere was almost hysterical. Suddenly, I caught sight of the most sobering of faces and was yanked back to reality. So that must be the defendant, that terrified-looking man. He was innocent, clearly. No wonder he looked so frightened, he was about to be tried by a bunch of giggling youths with hangovers. The prosecution read out the charge: indecent assault. A shiver ran down my spine - a rapist! And I had been duped by a facial expression. Why try him at all - he was obviously guilty. The prosecutor read on. The charge was minor, nothing

more than a fondle, really. The main witness was then called to the stand. And yes, it really was like in the films. First she was sworn in. What a quaint, ineffectual ritual. I wondered whether there had ever been a murderer who, on taking the oath,

When Charlotte Kane was chosen to be a juror, she was bewildered by the experience



Persuasive arguments: "truth" comes down to a handful of opinions vociferously expressed about an event whose facts can, at best, only be guessed at

had broken down, sobbing: "I can't lie! I did it!" The barristers were articulate and theatrical. particularly the one for the defence, whose cross-examination verged on the brutal: "I put it to you. Madam, that you're making this whole story up." He had been haranguing her with questions on the tiniest details: "Once again, I ask you, Madam, was the defendant standing to the right or left of the dustbin according to photograph 3, exhibit 1, as you entered the premises on the second occasion?", and finally her admittedly unreliable memory deserted her.

But what did that prove? If someone buckles under the pressure, does it mean they have been telling fibs? Is truth necessarily upheld by strength of character?

I am one of those people who generally goes with the argument that is being put to them. During the first half of the case I sided with the prosecution but, as soon as the defence witnesses took the stand. I found myself unable to doubt them. This order of events was the same in every case and struck me as biased towards the defendant. Plus, the barrister for the defence in the first case was charming; he often caught our eyes and smiled. (I swear he winked once.) By the end of the case, three days and several good-character witnesses later. I could barely recall the girl who had pointed her finger at this pillar of society. I took my new opinion with me into the deliberation room.

There, two surprises awaited: not only were we not unanimous in our conviction of this man's innocence, but those of us who did believe him were in a tiny minority; and the sandwich menu was uninspiring - and expensive. Now that the prospect of days of

hard discussion faced us, involving nights in lonely hotel rooms (none of us was sure about the rules), surely a tray of something decent to eat wasn't too much to ask. The court usher left us to our complaints and - I could hardly believe it - locked us in. What if one of us fainted from malnutrition? Distracted by this poor show of hospitality, the conversation took an inevitable turn: "Oh, you're in TV, I'm trying to get a job in TV", and telephone numbers were exchanged. I was aware of a small group diligently trying to

but on the whole it was "Wait! Change my cheese and tomato for a tuna mayonnaise," that rang across the room. And it was in our supposedly responsible hands that a man's future was about to be weighed up.

We elected as foreman the young man with the loud voice, who eventually cut through this pandemonium. The facts in our case were simple but not conclusive: it was her word against his. Each one of us had a hunch, and the noisy ones would wield the most influence. The foreman was define "beyond reasonable doubt", on my side. It was in the bag.

It was quite something to watch the defendant receive his "not guilty" verdict. No smile, just a drop of the shoulders, a step back and then forward to the gallery where his wife was sitting. She - a quiet, dignified presence throughout the hearing — finally dissolved into tears as he held her. Did he do it? All that we could be certain of is that he and his family had, deservedly or not, suffered.

The remainder of my two weeks was spent in a state of perpetual disappointment. List after list of jurors was read out and I was not on them. This could not have been random; the judge who presided at the first case must not have realised that I listen best with my eyes closed of an afternoon, and. had a word with someone.

So I phoned all my friends, readevery daily publication and, in desperation, moved into the stinky smoking room, where all the "fun" was to be had — a nail-biting round of Twenty Questions. The chainsmoker in the corner was clearly a genius and I could not answer a single one, which an-noyed me further.

did get chosen for one more case involving forgery. The very word filled me with lear; no doubt it would be one of those complex money cases. whose impossible details take weeks to unravel. I was amused tosee the same restlessness in everybody's eyes. But we need not have worried. It turned out that the case, which took three years to get to court, did not stand up. After an hour the judge directed us to acquit the defendant and we were released.

Justice, in the Crown Court, seems to be frighteningly arbitrary
— when it comes to giving a verdict, one feels that the judge is simply delegating his responsibility in case of error, and goodness knows, there have been errors. The jocular atmosphere created by 12 untrained LA Lawwatchers, who have been let off work for two weeks, straining at the leash, seems hardly appropriate for the enormous task of

meting out judgment.

And what of the poor juror who is the last to convert? The sight of 11 staring, sighing faces is bound to unset the staunchest believer. In that first case, we reached a unanimous verdict after three hours, but at least two iurors were less than happy with it "Truth", in these matters, comes down to a handful of opinions vociferously expressed about an event whose facts can, at best, only be guessed at.

Sports Supporter to Nicky Clarke.

Coming soon to a screen near you, the curse of e-mail

ly. I checked my in-box for the umpteenth time one day and was delighted to find mail waiting.

I opened it and was treated to three seconds of film in which a man hurled himself at the back end of a horse and appeared to park his head deep in the beast's rear. It was a clever illusion, one might say a sleight of hind, but it was, nevertheless, an astonishing sight that caused much mirth in the office.

Not long afterwards i opened an even more eyepopping missive. A woman who looked very much like the Baywatch actress Pamela Anderson was performing what an American arresting officer would refer to as a lewd act if he had stumbled across it taking place in Hugh Grant's car. The film ran for 20 seconds while I blushed and looked around nervously before dispatching the mail to

the safety of cyberspace.

These were some of the more exciting offerings in what has become a burgeoning stream of ingenious and sometimes bizarre e-mails. Dancing babies, countless jokes and a 2,000-word rant about Manchester United have all found their way on to my screen. All will be familiar to some readers. They are just a few of the thousands of circulars dreamt up and passed from one e-mailer to another with the speed and success that traditional postal chain letters never achieved.

I, too, have been busy sending e-mails. For someone who has never been a prodigious letter writer, and who invariably carries those few he does write in his briefcase for three weeks before buying a stamp, this new means of communication has been a revelation.

The exchange of information for work is much more convenient than faxing, and glancing at an e-mail is less tedious than endless rambling phone calls from persistent bores. And although, of course, none of us ever makes personal calls from work, if we had to, in an emergency, say, electronic chat would be so much more time-efficient.

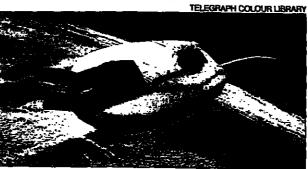
A aving been given my own e-mail address at The Times recentmail is turning into a nightmare, says Damian Whitworth

> convinced that e-mail is such an excellent workplace tool. One senior executive with a British-based multinational believes that reliance on e-mail hindersthe efficiency of his

> "One of the positive things about e-mail is that with time differences it is great to be able to send a message overnight and walk back in the office the next morning and have a reply waiting," he says. "The

However, not everyone is far-flung corner of the corporation about the cancellation of aerobics or a lost comb can be quickly zapped. My daily emailing can be timed in minutes.

> Others, however, are busier. One London firm recently disciplined four people for email abuse. One was sacked for using the system to deal in drugs: another was found to be spending what amounted to a full day every week gossiping with friends. In the ever-



Some say too much e-mail can take over your working life

downside is that people tend to use e-mail to offload problems. They think if they have sent an e-mail they have solved the problem, but they have just passed it on. Everybody sends messages but nobody There is another danger: e-

mail can take over your life. Friends in America, who are old hands at new technology, warned me of the threat long ago. While we all proudly put our e-mail addresses on our business cards, convinced that we are at the cutting edge, they are removing theirs, fed up with the barrage of junk mail, exasperated by dancing bables. and daily rants from every lunatic with whom they have ever been misguided enough to exchange addresses. The cyber-bores are becoming a

scourge over here, too. Personally, though, the occasional bit of horseplay and the odd lunatic are still novel cnough to be tolerated. And the tedious internal and irrelevant memoranda from some changing language of cyberspace, junk e-mails are called "sparn" and the process of sending them is known as "spamming". A new piece of research by Novell, the soft-ware company, identifies a range of varieties of spam, all

unappetising.

Advertisers, in particular, have found that e-mail is as effective as pushing literature through your letter box ar home, and those selling every-thing from baldness cures and get-rich-quick schemes to houses and religious salvation

undoubtedly frustrating have ing to deal with such unsolicit ed junk every day, and Novell calls the furious e-mails that recipients send in return, "flame-mails". The report goes, on to head a list of "guidelines for dealing with spam" with a plea not to send flame-mails because "this could provoke Are we I

The BAD news?

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Unfortunately, when the junk is personal it can ge sinister. Cyber-stalking may again sound unnecessarily dramatic, but it is clearly an

increasing problem. Sarah, a 26-year-old works ing for a large retail company received anonymous e-mails of an increasingly lewd nature which started with "show us your knickers" and went on to the more frightening "look out of the window, I'm watching you". Eventually, when she threatened to call in the police she received the chilling sign off: "Thanks for ruining every

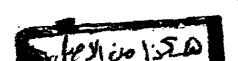
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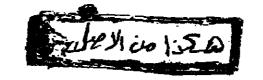
To avoid e-mail harassment Novell suggests that users become discriminating about who they give their address to and that they avoid leaving an address in chat groups of questionable websites.

Unfortunately, this is unlikely to do you any good. I have never knowingly passed on my address to religious nuts but, while writing this piece, I received some mail from a sect who address me

dear friend and supporter At the end of five screens of excitable stuff it says that this will be the first of a weekly newsletter about setting up the kingdom of heaven on earth. feel like replying that it will be heaven only if it has no e-mail. But that would be asking for

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Why Madam Speaker so loves her water bed

A passionate and outspoken book revealing her fulfilling sex life has made a star of the woman now tipped to be Finland's next president. Interview by Alan Tillier

hank you for that won-derful weekend, for all the love and pleasure you gave me, the fabulous moments. The water bed was marvellous - it did not squeak. And what tidal waves there were when we made love."

On weekdays, the author of these lines sits, almost regally, as Speaker of the Finnish parliament in a splendid art deco building in the centre of Helsinki. She is Finland's second-ranking person after President Ahtisaari and, say many observers, is poised to take over from him.

Remarkably, Riitta Uosukain-en's status has been enhanced by frank revelations in her bestselling book. The Fluttering

'What

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Tongue of Flame, about her happy sex life dur-ing 36 years of mar-riage. The collection of outspoken letters to politicians, personalities and members of her circle - "those I hate and those I love" - has aroused a passionate reaction.

By tradition, Finnish politicians are supposed to be as dignified as the local Lutheran pastor.

But Finns, particularly women, have welcomed Mrs Uosukainen's book as a breath of fresh air in a society that has shed much of its public shyness and begun to blossom with the collapse of Communism in neighbouring Russia.

The book's water-bed reference is in a chapter written in the form of a passionate and poetic love letter to her husband. Toivo, a retired lieutenant-colonel in the Finnish Army. "Take me and I will tremble. You do this. I'd prefer to cry out. You are an officer and gentleman, a royal-blue archer, the sun of my savage, strong and respectful. You know to make me come. I still feel your presence inside me." Mrs

As befits a Speaker, Mrs Uosukainen has been a stickler for parliamentary rules over the past five years. She banished breastfeeding MPs to the parliament's caleteria and sent home an MP who turned up in shorts during a rare heat wave. She tolerated a young left-wing MP who, in an act of defiance, insisted on wearing a beret. "I had him take it off, looked at his ugly head and said he could

keep his beret," she says.
Considering her public role, it is easy to see why Finland's political classes professed outrage over the Conservative Speaker's slim book. which has sold 70,000 hardback copies, little short of phenomenal in country of only five million

people. "Populist nonsense," muttered Paavo Lipponen, the Prime Minister. Esko Aho, the former Prime Minister, added: "If this kind of book is admired, then I'll leave politics." Mrs Úosukainen is

dismissive of such reactions. "Political journalists who don't like me thought they could kill me off when the book came out." Clearly, they did not succeed.

A statuesque woman of 56, with the bearing and almost the voice of the leading Finnish divas, she sits in her large wood-panelled office dressed in a peach-coloured suit. Portraits of stern predecessors, all men, look down from the walls. "My boyfriends." she laughs.

Before her election as Finland's first female Speaker, some accused her of being overexcitable. She puts this down to her early childhood in Karelia in eastern Finland, the area armexed by the Russians after the Second World War, where she says the people are livelier "because

When reminded of one Finnish journalist's description of her as an "unguided ballistic missile", she thighs and my sex. Our jobs roars with laughter that echoes

along parliamentary corridors. "Why have only one flight path?" she answers before heading off to open the day's business in the 200-member chamber. On her way, she touches every pillar in the Speak-er's corridor, a typically tactile gesture. The success of The Fluttering Tongue of Flame led to booksigning tours to the remotest corners of her country. Her charisma came across strongly. "People touched me, thinking they would gain some extra power," she says.

Her bubbling good sense is charged with magnetism, a combination that has propelled her in the opinion polls from a popular poli-tician, remembered as a competent Education Minister, to star status. Today she is almost neck and neck with President Ahtisaari, having 48.5 per cent of the vote against his 51.5 per cent.

Yet she is coy, when asked whether she will run for the presidency in 2000. "I want to live," she quips. "When things are good in bed, then they are good in general. I really believe this and I am so sorry that all women do not experience this joy although they have a man, or several, in their lives."

id she write the book to promote a run for the top job, which traditionally involves negotiating with the Big Bear next door? She has strong feelings about her neighbour, for she was one of 400,000 Karelians who fled the region in 1945, leaving an empty land for the incoming Russians.

But she says no. Her publishers wanted a collection of her speeches. Although she has won speaking awards, she told them that no matter how good, contemporary speeches just did not sell. Then she thought of the letters format. "Ah, youth," she writes. "What a

love so many times and each time I delicious to interpret. The semiotics of the bedroom. was reduced to being only breasts. separated us for a few days, but this



did not affect the statistics too much. Weariness and age have a bit. But if the signal is alight, I am ready. What signal? A hint of aftershave or talc, a smell coming from the forest, a breeze touching clothing, a brushing against, a glance, a caress, spinning around

"We Karelians are more sensual than other Finns. Karelian women making if women are involved. It is

ask their men when they return home: Do you want to eat, drink, take a sauna or have sex? You and I ask each other this question every week and our answers depend on circumstances. My greatest happiness is to start with love-making.

Until Friday ... ' are still not used to the style of women. Others, however, have realised how good it is for decision-

important for women to retain their own style. I have mine." Her son, a 24-year-old medical

student, tried to persuade her to tone down the book. "As for my dear husband, there was a silence of several minutes when he read the chapter devoted to us. Then he

Her fame has helped to pack the parliament galleries with youngsters. Some have read her book, "Remember when we were students in

before that, the robots of

Indeed, science has some-

times stolen its ideas straight

from fiction. When Fritz Lang.

the director of the 1929 Ger-

man SF film Die Frau im

Mond, needed a device to add

suspense to a scene of a rocket

taking off, he hit on the idea of

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future could be made to work,"

says Clute. "But we no longer

Metropolis?

1962," she writes. "The foot of the bed broke and we fell on to the floor next to the old radio set and we laughed like mad. Once the shops opened, I ran and bought another foot and a lock for the door. I could never live with a man with whom I could not laugh in bed. I cry a lot, life. Instead we laugh."

In her office, she adds: "Eroticism, after all, is the power of life and gives power to work.

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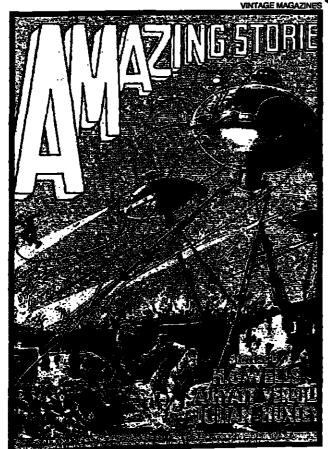
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Are we living in a world invented by science fiction?



Watch this space — an SF magazine cover from 1927

be alarmingly plausible. In 1938 a radio adaptation of War of the Worlds famously sent the citizens of New Jersey into a spin, believing that the Martians had landed.

H. G. Wells was believable because he brought a sharp, biologist's eye to his fantasies. His fiction was rooted in fact. The same was true for Mary Shelley, the mother of the SF genre. Knowing of Luigi Galvani and his experiments using electrical currents on dead frogs, she brought hints of new science into Franken-

But has SF, in its turn, inspired scientists into greater imaginative leaps? These are the sort of questions being raised in a C4 series currently investigating what is apparently the most popular storytelling form of our time.

"Obviously science fiction and science are inalterably different enterprises," says a reassuringly sceptical John Clute, the author of the SF addicts' "bible", the Encyclopaedia of Fantasy. Nobody who reads a story believes in it in the same way as they believe in the force of gravity." Rachel Campbell-Johnston talks to the authors who inspired a generation force of acceleration would Rather, the relationship be-

tween science and science fiction is reciprocal. The literary world may dismiss much of the genre as trash, but according to Brian Aldiss, one of Britain's foremost SF writers, the staff of Nasa are addicted to it. They are all reading it there. They have done since they were kids."

The veteran author Arthur C. Clarke says: "Space travel might have happened eventually, even if science fiction didn't exist - although I doubt it." The astronaut Joe Allen once wrote to him: "When I was a boy, you infected me with both the writing bug and the space bug, but neglected to tell me how difficult either

undertaking can be." Things that are now commonplace - but were once regarded as impossible have their origins in the genre. according to the SF writer Stephen Baxter. When Jules Verne predicted flights to the Moon "he had the engineering details basically right. A huge cannon was fired into the sky. which I suppose is rather like launching a rocket. Although Verne didn't realise that the

have crushed the craft, he got things more or less right — the weightlessness, the recycling of air, the going into orbit."

Obviously thousands of zany ideas vanish into deepest implausibility, but some fantasies prove prophetic. "We are living in a world invented by SF." says Aldiss.

When I was a boy, a gas man came down our street with a pole every evening to light the lamps. Now street lighting is all controlled by sophisticated time-clocks."

The ubiquitous eyes of surveillance cameras were foretold by George Orwell. And even time-travel seems almost possible. Images taken by the Hubble space telescope can show us things that happened millions of years ago. "I think we will time-travel one day." Baxter suggests. "Already there are blueprints of how we might build time-machines. although they would take

massive energies — such as those found in an exploding star. But still, if it's not against the laws of physics, then it's just engineering."

Heavyweight SF writers are often scientists by training: Wells, Clarke and Asimov, for example. "I invented the communications satellite." Clarke claims. "It was

my idea to send up a rocket and put a repeater on it to message the world. I have revolutionised world communications." Other SF writers are more

Clarke: inspiration

their achievements. Yet their foresight can astound. William Gibson, the author of the bestseller Neuromancer, is credited as the inventor of cyberspace. His vision of a 'consensual hallucination' probably inspired more people on to the Internet than the most enthusiastic Compu-Serve marketing campaign. Only last week it was an-

nounced that the first person

SPs most influential era modest about may well be over, however, Clute suggests. In the 1950s and 1960s space was still mysterious enough to admit the speculations of even the most vivid imagination. Science fiction could act as a sort of conceptual breakthrough -huge spaceship zooming through the cosmos, trailing concepts in its wake. "Its

fantasies were based on a sort of dream, a conviction that the

that can dream that dream. There are too many plots was to be fitted with a fully going on at the end of the 20th mobile bionic arm - an electronic limb covered with century, and a simple form of fiction cannot describe the artificial skin and packed with dream of a complex scientific microchips. 'Was Terminator reality." part of its inspiration? Or.

ccording to Baxter, the job of the SF writer today is not so much to invent technologies as to push out the boundaries of scientific philosophies. This is what he tried to do in Timelike Infinity, in which he dramatises the mind-bending paradoxes of Schrödinger's cat, stretching theories of quantum mechanics into more indeterminate territories than

ever before. This has always been the most important role of science fiction. Its task, from Frankenstein onwards, has been to respond to possibilities, to the hopes and fears, the dangers and delights of the grapple with and form our philosophical futures as much as our scientific ones. They should be taken more seriously than rumours of little green

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All Greek to us harmless drudges

John Chadwick says classical scholarship needs a new lexicon

To one - except a lexicographer - actually reads a dictio-We all have them to hand as required, but we use them as tools, to solve whatever linguistic problems we meet. Consequently, no one gives much thought to the

process of making them. For the most part we are well served, at least in English, by our dictionaries. We may complain that they are not upto-date with the latest expressions, or we might find they omit uses and words now obsolete, so that we are confused when we try to read Elizabethan literature. But English scholars are well pro-

vided with the tools they need.
This is not true of other languages. So long as we are dealing with a modern language, it is always, at least in theory, possible to go to a native speaker and ask him to explain how a word is used. Even this may not be simple. for the native speaker may know what he should say, but cannot explain why one form is correct and another not.

However, no one still speaks ancient languages. They may. as Greek does, live on in an altered form; but its speakers

cannot be used as informants on a form of the language that has not been spoken for It seemed 2,000 years. So how do we set about making a dictionary of such a language?

sacrilege to improve Essentially, there are two ways: either on the old you must copy what other dictionaries dictionary have done, selecting

and combining their material to suit your own purpose; or you must collect a large number of examples of the word being studied from the ancient texts, and from them educe the ways in which the word was used. The first method is much easier and this is what almost all makers of dictionaries do. The second method requires far more time and work; but if intelligently done, its results are much more reliable.

Classical scholars have for generations relied on a long tradition. When I was at school we used a Latin dictionary first published in 1879, which, according to its title page was "founded on Andrew's edition of Freund's Latin Dictionary, revised, enlarged and in great part rewritten by C.T. Lewis and C. Short". In 1946 I was invited to join the team that was working under the late J.M. Wyllie on a project for a completely new dictionary, to be called The Oxford Latin Dictionary. This was eventually completed under the editorship of P. Glare in 1982. We made it a rule never to consult earlier dictionaries until we had drafted our own account of the word. Naturally the book repeated much already found in older ones, but in many cases a fresh approach cut through the tangle of verbiage and ciarified the usage of the word, and in not a few cases ancient errors were corrected. One of Wyllie's dicta was "the new dictionary will contain errors, but they will be our own, not

other people's".
Likewise my schooldays The author is Emeritus Readwere dominated by the towering figures of Liddell and

Scott, the authors of the largest Greek Lexicon of their time. This too was founded on a been so much enlarged and improved in the course of eight editions that it was really a new work and is deservedly famous. Such was its reputation that it seemed sacrilege to dare to improve on it. Yet Greek studies did not stand still, and the 20th century saw progress in many fields that the vocabulary. A ninth edition was prepared by two eminent Oxford scholars, who made no attempt to rewrite the Lexicon, but were content to add new words and meanings. Their work has now been continued by new Supple-ments, but the basic framework remains unchanged. I have found cases where the structure of an article can be shown to reproduce the definitions or synonyms offered by an ancient lexicographer. Yet there is no good reason to prefer to modern scholarship

time of Homer. When I reached this conclusion I could not at first see what might be done but I advocated a revision (and that means in places a

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reworking) of the Intermediate Greek Lexicon, the abridged version used by all our students. To my surprise, this proved popular among teachers of Greek, and I was encouraged to see if could raise the

funds needed to pay an editor. I should have been tempted to offer to do the job myself, if my age did not disqualify me. We have now received promises of grants sufficient to enable the project to start, and we have an editor who is well-equipped to work on this, having been chief assistant on the last Supplement to the main Lexicon. More funding will still be needed, but we feel confident that this will be forthcoming.

ut what of the major Lexicon? I believe the wholesale rewriting that is needed would require the services of a large staff and perhaps 50 years. The expense would be prohibitive. Moreover, the day of the huge multivolume dictionary is over. Increasingly such books will be published in electronic form. This has the enormous advantage that the lexicographer no longer needs to abbreviate and compress his material to make it publishable. An immense text can be flagged and indexed so that the user can quickly find what he needs. Computers will never reduce the need for intelligent lexicographers, but they can lessen their labour and offer new possibilities for users. I have no doubt the next 30 years will see major changes in this field; all we can hope now is to attempt some smallscale and piecemeal improvements. At least classical studies are not dead, but moving forwards at an in-

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EXCITING NEW PROPOSALS FOR RUBBISH DISPOSAL (NEWS ITEM)

No D-Day for Kosovo

omething is wrong with the script. In March, I distinctly heard the Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook, tell the Yugoslav leader, Slobodan Milosevic, that his behaviour in Kosovo was "unacceptable". He emphasised the point by stamping his foot, imposing sanctions and warning of the "severest consequences". When asked if this meant force, Mr Cook said he wasn't saying, "but watch it Slobodan, just make my day". The US Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright, fervently agreed. She added disgraceful and inexcusable to Mr Cook's adjective arsenal, and wanted her day made as

Last week, Serbian police regulars went on a shelling and burning rampage in Kosovo. More troops were moved in and a few thousand more Kosovans were sent into the mountains as refugees. Mr Cook was so upset he upped the adjectival ante. It was not only unacceptable but "wholly intolerable". Every imaginable option was being reviewed and every imaginable "message" sent to Mr Milosevic. Eyes popping. Mr Cook is in such a state about osiavia mai ne seems more iike

to lay a bomb than drop one. Tony Blair is spending this week on a whistle-stop tour of European capitals to drum up support for "getting tough with Milosevic". He, Mr Cook and the Defence Secretary, George Robertson, claim to have a battle-plan for Kosovo that will "stop another Bosnia" - and portray them in a decisive light on the world stage. The plan is being kept close to their chests. As Mr Robertson said on Monday night: "If this were D-Day, I would not have told you my plan. Why should I now?" The spin is,

watch out for D-Day in Kosovo. To avoid going over old ground, we can agree the following. The Serbs are behaving badly again. Ever since the break-up of former Yugoslavia, Serbian revanchistes have driven minority tribes from land they consider Serb. They have cleansed not just with threats, bombs and subsidies, but by burning down villages and killing people. The worst atrocities against civilians seen in Europe since the Second World War have been committed in the name of Greater Serbia. Western public opinion, ever racist, expects more civility in these matters from Europeans than from Rwandans, Alghans or

Indonesians. We can also agree that rump Pacifism is suddenly dead: Robin Cook's ethical foreign policy is a liberals' jihad

Yugoslavia is ruled by a bully whose democratic credentials, while technically robust, are not up to Hansard Society standards. Mr Milosevic refuses to do what he is told by outsiders. He thumbs his nose at the sanctions bluff. He has a fanatical commitment to the Serbian diaspora. which he is prepared to defend by all means. He enjoys wide support among Serbs, not least in seeking to keep Kosovo, even though 90 per cent of its population are now ethnic Albanians and want rid of him.

Less easily agreed, but a fact, is that Kosovo is different from Mr Milosevic's two previous adventures.

Croatia and Bosnia. These were (just) sovereign states, recognised as such abroad. Kosovo is a Yugoslav province. It has a longstandpeacerul se ratist movement led

by Ibrahim Rugova. Sooner or later Mr Milosevic or his successors must deal with this separatism since, as Noel Malcolm says in his new study of the region. "Serbia has already lost Kosovo" by virtue of demography. He is less likely to do so if goaded by outsiders, especially when those outsiders are encouraging Mr Rugova's bitter opponents, the KLA guerrillas set up by the former Albanian dictator, Enver Hoxha. The KLA is not above acts of terrorism, designed to make life equally intolerable for the Serbian police and for moderate politicians. Its leaders are playing the old gambit of inciting the police to brutal suppression, and then daring the world to come to its aid. The Serbs

have obliged in the former respect. Should Britain oblige in the latter? Present Mr Cook with almost any running world problem - Kashmir. Indonesia, Rwanda, Iraq, Palestine

— and he explodes, slurs his consonants and looks very cross. He finds Kosovo intolerable and unacceptable. Better words would be stupid, costly. counterproductive and tragic for the local population. These words are judgmental. Intolerable and unacceptable imply policy consequences that the British Government is unlikely to honour. It has tolerated Mr Milosevic's excesses since coming to office, as it has President Saddam Hussein. There are many countries which the Foreign Office declares unacceptable, but which maddeningly refuse to collapse in a heap at the chirp of a London soundhite.

The British Cabinet, and its overseas allies, will have to accept Serbian authority in Kosovo for two reasons. The first is that international intervention is no more justified in Kosovo than it might be in Eritrea. Nigeria. Afghanistan, Indonesia. India. Pakistan or Cyprus. All have

recently achieved regional danger status. Belgrade's policy may not be to That is quite different from Britain enforcing its dislike

clear objective to the expedition that Mr Cook and Mr Robertson claim to have up their sleeve. In Bosnia, 5,000 British troops are policing a ceasefire line at the bidding of the local government. Even they are trapped without an exit strategy and are now on indefinite assignment, like Mr Cook's other rattling sabre, the fleet sailing in expensive circles round the Gulf. Thus do ethical "boutiques"

grow into department stores. I find it unimaginable that Britain would go into combat inside Yugoslavia on the side of separatist guerrillas. Bombing is neither here nor there, since air power must be in support of credible ground activity. Is the Government counting on the Albanian Army to invade? We might browbeat Nato - though an article in yesterday's Herald Tribune by the editor of Nato's military journal utterly discounts a Nato incursion. We could surely not win UN Security Council support. Troops would have to expel the Serbian Army and police regulars, and take over law and order indefinitely. The Serbs would never acknowledge the loss of Kosovo. The province would have to be garrisoned and annexed to Albania somehow

under a UN protectorate. This would blatantly breach the

1975 Helsinki Conference on European Security and Co-operation. The treaty, to which Yugoslavia was an important signatory, stipulated that Europe's borders should not be changed by force. A Nato operation in support of the KLA, far from diminishing regional danger, must surely encourage its guerrillas to move on to Macedonia, where Albania, Bulgaria and Greece all have territorial designs. Would Mr Cook and Nato support that, too? I am not aware of a Nato remit to "re-Balkanise" the Balkans. If Nato troops can be hired or hijacked by any separatist movement with a reasonable grievance and good public relations, the Western alliance ceases to be a force for peace. It becomes a public menace.

e tread dangerous ground Since the war. the prospect of nuclear conflagration has made partial pacifists of us all. But the hugely powerful armies left over from the Cold War are itching for a role. They have little to defend. They are out to contract. Democratic eagers, under pressure to justify their cost, are making them mercenaries of moral imperialism. Such interventions offer easy short-term popularity and no longer upset the global balance of power.

Pacifism is suddenly dead. Left and right are joined in the war party. Mr Cook's ethical foreign policy is, in truth, a liberals' jihad against any state that refuses to subscribe to Locke and Mill, and catches the eye of a passing television crew. The old imperialism was specific in its goals. The new is whimsical, transient, cruel. Were the Americans right to kill hundreds of civilians in Panama in 1990 or the West hundreds in Iraq in 1991 or in Somalia in 1993? Was it for democracy, or ethics, or just

something to do at the time? Freed of the discipline of nuclear fear, public opinion has reverted to a medieval view of (foreign) war as a noble and manly crusade. Aided by the distorting lens of television, it yearns for those planes soaring into the sun, those bombs falling, those crumps and flashes, those unshaven guerrillas saying "Save us, please". This is good-cause violence, technological power sent against an unknown foe, safely far from home. Such power in the hands of the stupid is primitive and spasmodic. In the hands of the clever, it is terrifying.

Alan Coren



Close encounter may well resemble aerobatic display

ne thing about the affair

— whether or not the
affair was about an affair -- is certain: air travel can never, henceforth, be quite the same. I know this, because, by one of those happy fortuities through which the god of columnists occasionally reminds us that we are not alone, I was 36,000ft up when I discovered about the affair, and by the time I was nought feet up again, I had both seen and experienced enough to know that Mr Charles Watkinson and Ms Reema Mahabeer had between them created a watershed in

On Monday, BA589 had just left Venice, brought Mrs Coren and me a drink, and given us newspapers, when, moments later, I learnt from mine that Mr Watkinson and Ms Mahabeer stood accused of consummating their relationship aboard a South African Airways 747, at assorted stratospheric points between London and Johannesburg. The couple had vigorously denied this, maintaining that they were merely trying to get comfortable; but passengers who claimed to have sported Reema first with her head in Charlie's lap and, a little later, astride him, insisted that this was all too close for comfort, especially as a lot of moaning had gone on.

It was at this crucial point in

the account that I was asked to

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it will not surprise you that the god of columnists now stepped in to ensure that my newspaper knocked my turnbler to the floor, where it rolled about, as tumblers will. Trapped by my traytable yet unable to put it back up - because by this time the seat pocket, having begun the flight already full of sick-bags, free magazines, head-sets, an encyclopaedia of duty-free junk, and an instruction booklet about what to do with your high heels when blowing the whistle attached to your rubber dinghy, was now overflowing with the sections of paper I wasn't reading, the bottle I'd emptied into my tumbler, a bag of toffees, and one of Grisham's fattest - I couldn't reach under my seat. Someone else had to do it, by putting her face into her husband's lap and reaching beneath him with one arm while grasping his thigh with the other. All this was accompanied by a lot of moaning, climaxing in a single shrill cry when, coming back up, she banged her

ortunately - since most of our fellow passengers had also by this time read their complimentary newspapers -Mrs Coren did not then straddle me. The man across the aisle was not so lucky. Seconds later, his wife, if it was his wife, in attempting to squeeze past him to get to (or so she subsequently attempted to prove, though who can any longer be sure?) the lavatory, not only straddled him, but sat down suddenly in his lap. There was much gig-gling. I looked away. I didn't therefore see what, an instant after, occasioned a sudden male yell, but let us give them the benefit of the doubt. We have all

head on her husband's tray-

table, which was still down.

trodden on airborne toes. Just as we have all found ourselves groping between our own legs, trying to locate the little packet of salt, or perhaps sugar, after opening a towelette over our lettuce leaf or putting pepper in our coffee. I think we would be well advised to stop doing that, now. Nor should we, in the middle of the night, accede to our partner's request to reach across and help him or her to find the right channel for easy listening: I have known a partner shriek "No, no!", not realising, with earphones on, quite how loud the shout was until the passenger on the other side woke up, switched his light on, and found next to him a writhing conjoint blanket containing anyone's guess. Indeed, from now on, travellers preferring not to be met at journey's end by vice squads and paparazzi would be advised not to recline the seat at all, thereby minimising the risk of a nap and any lolling open to ambiguous interpretation. I myself once woke up on the shoulder of a bearded Belgian: had I moaned in my sleep, as I gather I sometimes do, we might both have been taken off in manacles.

So thert, what Watkinson and Mahabeer got up to, none of us is in a position to judge. All we can do is learn from them, and try to avoid, on our future flights, those positions likely to invite anyone else to judge.

Matter of trust

CYNTHIA SPENCER, the beloved grandmother of Diana, the Princess of Wales, is to be honoured by the charitable trust that Earl Spencer is expected to set up in memory of his sister. A hospice in Northampton named after the late seventh Countess Spencer will be the first beneficiary of the Diana Spencer Fund. Cynthia (pictured), who Diana believed looked after her from the spirit world, eschewed many of the pleasures of

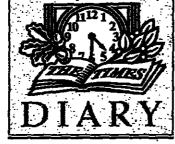
society and devoted herself instead to worthy causes. "She was a fine looking woman who had a horrific husband," says Kenneth Rose, the respected royal historian. "She must have been a saint." The earl (pictured) is considering setting up cess of Wales Memorial Fund after he criticised its trustees for allowing her signature to be used to endorse low-fat margarine. He insists that any new fund would not be a rival to the existing trust. but he believes that organisation has a limited shelf-life.

The earl is keen that income from visitors to the Althorp estate will be diverted to more relevant causes. The Cynthia Spencer Hospice was opened in 1976, four years after the death of its namesake. Diana opened a new extension in 1985 and the earl later became its patron. David Horton-Fawkes, the general manager of Althorp, fears the local community will bear the brunt of visitors drawn to Diana's burial site. "There is concern



among the local community that it will become a kind of Mecca. We feel a responsibility," he says. "Cynthia was the first Spencer countess to dedicate her life to public works."

THE flames of controversy are licking around rival attempts to bring Joan of Arc to the screen. The team behind Joan of Arc: The Virgin Wartior, which is preparing a battle suit for Mira Sorvino in the lead role, has filed a writ against Luc Besson, the French director, for planning his own, as



yet unnamed, version. The producers of Warrior, who have recruited Albert Finney, Derek Jacobi and Jacqueline Bisset, allege that Besson stole the idea after they refused to pick his fiancée to play Joan, Says Pierre Spengler, executive producer of Warrior: "We want it to be accurate, but I doubt Besson's film will be like that — it's not his kind of thing."

Big break

RONNIE WOOD, the jangling Rolling Stone, says he worked successfully as a livestyle counsellor for Jimmy White, the snooker player. The news might surprise friends of the rocker, who has not hitherto been noted for self-restraint. Wood, who likes to pot a few blacks with White, says he weaned him off the hard stuff. "I

helped him to unload a lot of freeloaders that were taxing his mind and disturbing his flow, people who were all the time telling him to have another drink," says Wood. "He's back with his family. He was always on the missing list before. His wife could never find him, my wife could never find me when I was out with him. He's sorted himself out and it shows in his play." When I put this to White, he was clearly delighted. Among other kind offers, he suggested a journey

to Diary Towers "to smack you about a bit". Time to pull up the drawbridge, me thinks.



"We're typically Scottish, nobody believes in us!"

● EXCITING news. The "Third International Competency Conference" is upon us, and look at one of the efficient thrusters it has invited to this year's jolly gathering: Charles Lewington, key "strate-gist" of the Conservative Party's historic election defeat.

Exit, right

SEAN CONNERY. fresh from mistakenly turning up at a nudist golf club, was still in glum mood when I bumped into him in New York the other night. He won a Tony award as producer of the play, Art. His lengthy acceptance speech, in which he planned to thank Micheline, his wife, was rudely shortened. An annoyed Connery overheard Alec Baldwin, who tore himself away from Kim Basinger to present the award, announce that the envelope suggested another play had won. But, said Baldwin: "I made a deal with Sean

so I could appear in Art in LA." Connery then stomped off to a winners' dinner but found he had to queue: "It took me an hour to get in." he complained. After failing to find his seat, he left with Liam Neeson and Natasha Richardson: "This is a disorganised bunfight."

• FILMING on The Notting Hill Project, a loosely connected follow



up to Four Weddings and a Funeral, has been delayed by Hugh Grant's posterior. Despite the prospect of getting naked with his co-star. Julia Roberts, the actor (above), has asked for a double to film the love scenes. This is because he is apparently reluctant for his posterior to be caught on celluloid. So far, producers have failed to find a double who has the necessary "qualities", chief among them being "pertness".

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A QUIVER FULL OF ISSUES

Archer should ask his party to investigate him

It was perhaps inevitable that a man who once published a novel entitled A Matter of Honour and chaired an appeal for Kurdish refugees called "The Simple Truth Campaign" should find himself at the centre of an ethical controversy. Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare has often tempted the fates - and he wants to go on tempting them in his bid to be mayor of London.

This week Sir Timothy Kitson, a prominent Conservative veteran and former Member of Parliament, asked Central Office to investigate a range of questions about Lord Archer's public and private life. Yesterday Lord Archer took the opportunity of an article in the London Evening Standard to reply to the long-standing accusations and set out his case for continuing in the race.

It is unlikely that Lord Archer's words will end matters. He took on a vast array of accusations and offered different sorts of answers. In some instances he issued a straight denial; in others he disputed matters of detail; in further examples he acknowledged his mistakes but indicated that others were responsible; and in a few incidents he conceded the case entirely but dismissed them as irrelevant. His broad themes were that the matters in dispute were often decades old and almost always trivial. This will not be enough to persuade Sir Timothy to withdraw his petition.

Some will wonder whether this is a proper concern for the Conservative Party at all. Lord Archer is widely recognised as a colourful and controversial individual: both his glitter and the mud that sticks to it are widely known. Any political organisation is entitled, however, to consider its wider reputation. Accusations of a candidate's inconsistency alone can be enough to harm a party. As the Conservatives know to their cost from the Neil Hamilton saga, it helps no one to let matters linger. Mr Hamilton never had a full opportunity to defend himself and, as a result, the Tories received a level of opprobrium in excess of the misdemeanours

that he might have committed. The case for the party clarifying Lord Archer's record is compelling. Yet the affair presents the Conservatives with a huge administrative problem. Lord Archer is, at the moment, a formally undeclared candidate for a post that does not yet exist. He has no position in his party beyond his membership. Even his most intense critics would not argue that his alleged past antics merit expulsion. The Conservatives have not set the rules for the primary contest that will determine their candidate. It is impossible to know whether Lord Archer has broken any of them. Furthermore, the new Ethics and Integrity committee set up by William Hague does not have a full complement of members or complete terms of reference.

As matters thus stand, Sir Timothy's complaint cannot be dealt with as quickly as it should be. The Conservatives cannot act until the Government has published its Bill on London. Even then, they must finalise their primary procedure, properly establish the Ethics and Integrity committee and Lord Archer must formally announce his candidacy. It could be Christmas or beyond before these conditions are satisfied. In the meantime, Lord Archer's reputation stands attacked but with no forum for redress. He could, belatedly, sue for libel but the courts would move no faster than the Party.

It is imperative for all concerned that this dispute is settled swiftly. There is only one, somewhat unorthodox, method by which this might be achieved. The Ethics and Integrity committee should have found a chairman and decided upon its procedures within the next few weeks. Lord Archer could ask it to adjudicate on whether he was a fit candidate for high public office. That would circumvent the fact that precise rules for the specific contest of mayor of London are not at hand. He could promise to respect its verdict and not prolong any adverse decision through litigation. This is an imperfect solution to an unusual situation. It is, unfortunately, the only option available.

THE STABLES OF LAGOS

A small chance for some much-needed cleansing

Few tears have been shed at the death of General Sani Abacha, the Nigerian military leader who seized power in 1993 and for five years subjected his country to corruption and arbitrary rule. He leaves a legacy of economic stagnation, political tension and moral bankruptcy. Under his rule, Nigeria has become an international pariah and a byword for exploitation, drug smuggling and swindlers. His execution of Ken Saro-Wiwa and other Ogoni activists led to Nigeria's suspension from the Commonwealth; and his manipulation of the elections threatened to trigger further sanctions against his country.

His death at least gives Nigeria some respite. A new military leader has been sworn in; the change raises at least some small hopes for a new beginning. Britain, America and the Commonwealth have urged General Abdusalam Abubakar to ensure a "genuine" transition to democracy and allow all parties to contest the coming election. So far he has given no indication whether, like his predecessor, he will be the sole candidate. But he has promised to stick to the timetable for a return to civilian government by October 1, and has called for "all hands on deck" to revive the country.

The coming few days will show whether the demoralised Nigerian opposition can use this chance to rally democratic forces. The junta cannot afford any let-up: the years of repression have intensified regional and tribal divisions, and the Yoruba, in particular, are seething with resentment at the dominance of the military clique from the northern Muslim heartland. Their leader, Chief Moshood Abiola, was the presumed winner of the aborted 1993 general election, and remains in prison on a charge of treason. The Ogoni, whose leaders were hanged in defiance of world calls for clemency, are equally angry at their brutal treatment.

Even the Opposition accepts that its calls for the installation of Chief Abiola as head of a government of national unity are unlikely to win approval in Abuja. The only hope, therefore, is that General Abubakar is more willing than his predecessor to listen to outside warnings. These include the turnbling value of the naira currency, food shortages and dire forecasts for an economy so mired in corruption that even the oilindustry, generating 95 per cent of export income, is unable to keep its equipment properly serviced and functioning.

Nigeria is now the most divisive issue in the Commonwealth: and this body has the greatest interest in putting out feelers to the new leadership. There is some hope that General Abubakar may listen: he is a professional soldier, said to be uninterested in political power for himself. But too many of his fellow officers are corrupt profiteers: they will not willingly allow him freedom to cleanse the stables. Only if he can assert his authority and raise his sights beyond his clique's own profit does Nigeria have any chance of recovering from its present plight.

ALL TO PLAY FOR

The biggest tournament yet, and potentially the best

The World Cup has come home. France is the cradle of football's premier tournament. And, the wails of the ticketless notwithstanding, it is the host juste for the contest of superlatives that begins this afternoon. The biggest event in soccer's history is also the world's greatest test of sporting prowess. More spectators, in stadiums and on screens, will watch more teams than ever before in the contest to claim the prize conceived by the visionary Frenchman Jules Rimet.

The trophy that bears his name now rests in Rio, having been won three times by the World Cup's most consistently creative team. And it is fitting that the tournament should begin with Brazil showcasing their skill against Scotland, the nation which leant grace to football's first international and has shown pluck ever since. This will be the fourth time the Latin Goliath and Celtic David have faced each other in the competition's finals.

Although the Scots have never won they have fought spirited rearguard actions, footballing Dunkirks, which have blunted Brazil's scoring edge without detracting from the drama. A victory for Scotland today would be handsome reward for the quiet dedication of the team and its unassuming manager. Craig Brown. It would also delight the Tartan Army of travelling supporters who have established a reput-

ation for good-natured bonhomie abroad Even before the first ball is kicked a great sporting event promises the pleasures of anticipation, with the ranking of potential players, the juggling of teams, the weighing of rivals' merits and the fans' preparations to

turn each match into a festival. These pleasures have been tainted for England's fans this summer with the wayward appetites of flawed talents, the quixotic ticket allocation system of the organisers and the capricious tactics of Air France's employees combining to upset expectations. The immaturity, in particular, of men who

should know what England expects has given fans cause to grieve. The supporters who made stars millionaires have been cheated by their heroes' self-indulgence. But the courage of Glenn Hoddle, in imposing discipline on his squad, should encourage all who wish England well. He has given the nation the chance to take new heroes to its heart. Dedicated young players such as Paul Scholes and Michael Owen now have the world at their feet. And the covetous eyes cast at the latter by England's rivals should instil confidence in even the most nervous.

The partisanship that makes victory for one's own team the solvent of all misery, and its defeat the destroyer of any good humour. is intrinsic to football. The beautiful game demands passionate attachment. But the glory of the World Cup is the number of dramas that can engage the passions. Novice nations such as Japan and Jamaica will enjoy the good wishes of most. As the tournament advances and teams are whittled away, a new army of neutrals will be ready to cheer individual skill, from whatever quarter. And ready to appreciate the capacity of the French to overcome chaos to create an event of dash and quality. There is no reason why the biggest World Cup yet should not also be the best.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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for student tuition

From the Chairman of the Headmasters' and Headmistresses'

Sir, In your leading article today, "Bill and Benn' you argue that Tony Benn's case for abandoning the introduction of student tuition fees is "entirely spurious". You also state that "until recently the costs of that process [access to higher education] have fallen predominantly on society while the benefits have flowed disproportion-ately to individuals".

The truth of this analysis exposes the injustice and short-sightedness of an entirely financial expedient. For decades, and certainly for the past 30 years, a university degree has indeed tended to bring riches to its holders as well as to society. None has benefited more from free university education than the Prime Minister's age group.

The obvious way of reflecting this truth would have been to have levied a progressive graduate tax on all - of any age - who were in the upper tax group and who had attended a British university. Instead, the accident of birth will foist fees on to those born after 1980 while leaving their elder siblines to thank legislative caprice for their untaxed advantage. As for ourselves, we who have borrowed from previous generations now abuse our power by imposing burdens on a generation likely to be confronted with unparalleled social liabilities, ourselves included.

It is a dreadful example of selfishness and hypocrisy, but one which the educated young might have expected from the Thatcherite era. What price the millennium?

Yours sincerely, PATRICK TOBIN, Chairman, Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference, 130 Regent Road, Leicester LE1 7PG.

School opt-outs

From Dame Angela Rumbold

Sir, The Minister of State for Education and Employment (letter, June 5) denies that the Labour Party has done a U-turn on school opt-outs, and claims that his recent announcement is in line with the party's manifesto commitment. This may be true. However, it is a mistake to confuse Labour's policy in this area with the nowers given by Conservative governments to grant-maintained schools.

Full funding merely allows schools to manage their own finances, whereas under the previous Government appoint their own staff, select their own pupils, and decide the character and ethos of their schools. They could choose to have grammar streams, to enlarge by adding sixth forms and even in one case to try out boarding arrangements. Such freedom is unlikely under the proposed system.

Let us not be fooled into imagining that the stranglehold of local education authority and Government is lessened by this funding announcement. If anything, it merely enhances the LEA's ability to redistribute children around the schools without giving those schools any choice. It also ensures that parental choice will become even more meaningless than it is now.

A more effective change would be to return the ability of schools to allow children from their own locality first choice of their local schools. At least parents would know where they were, even if the LEAs and the Government were frustrated in their efforts to manipulate successful schools.

Yours faithfully, ANGELA RUMBOLD (Minister of State, Department of Education and Science, 1986-90). 18 Park Road, Surbiton KTS 8QD. June 5.

Teachers' load

From the Headmaster of The Perse School, Cambridge

Sir, Mr David Chapman (letter, June 8) is a model of restraint. I too received Reducing the Bureaucratic Burden on Teachers - six copies of it. By the same post came Circular 3/98: Statutory approval of qualifications under Section 400 of Education Act of 1996 (60 pages) and 4/98: Teaching: High Status, High Standards -- Re quirements for Courses of Initial Teacher Training (140 pages).

I subscribe to the importance of both documents, although in seven years as a Head I have never actually had to consult 3/98's annual equivalent. Circular 4/98 - immensely thorough - covers every aspect of the new curriculum arrangements for initial teacher training at all ages. Its usefulness in this form, however. must surely be only for those institutions which take part in the first

If I needed either of these documents I could surely have a telephone inquiry line to contact. Better still. could not the DfEE send out more summaries of key circulars? Presumably it has to write them for the politicians it serves.

Yours faithfully. NIGEL RICHARDSON, Headmaster, The Perse School, Cambridge CB2 2QF.

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'Hypocrisy' of fees Channel rail links still have far to go

From the Managing Director of Dover Harbour Board

Sir, You report today that the Deputy Prime Minister is pressing for a threefold rise in the volume of freight traffic through the Channel Tunnel.

Mr Prescott's commitment to increasing the volume of rail-borne freight traffic and to developing a coherent network of integrated services offers real hope for reducing congestion, cutting pollution and easing vital trade routes; but it is essential that we ensure the capacity to meet this objective.

nel through-rail freight capacity will ment's current contribution to the Channel Tunnel Rail Link.

The new finance deal for the CTRL is an adroit manoeuvre by the Deputy Prime Minister and is to be warmly welcomed. It should not be forgotten, however, that it was required as a result of bad planning and policymaking in previous years. It would be nice to think that we might learn from the mistake.

From Mr Robert H. Foster

Sir, Eurostar, which is at the heart of the Government's difficulties over the CTRL, has two main drawbacks.

is the size of each train, which comprises 18 coaches with capacity approaching that of two jumbo jets. It is thus unwieldy and expensive to operate. A Eurostar has twice the accommodation of a French TGV (which at times of high demand are simply run in multiple) and more than the German ICE involved in last week's terrible accident, the next generation of which in any event is being built with significantly less accommodation.

The other main drawback is the 20minute check-in time at Waterloo, Paris, Brussels and elsewhere, required for immigration purposes. It is

that if a train can complete a journey in less than three hours, then (assum-

Forecasts show that if government policy is successful extra cross-Chanbe needed within the next 10-15 years. The most cost-effective means of providing this is to include Dover in the proposed rail freight highway - a seven-mile stretch which would provide a second "through-rail" link at a fraction of the cost of a second fixed tunnel link or even of the Govern-

Yours sincerely, JONATHAN SLOGGETT, Managing Director, Dover Harbour Board, Harbour House. Dover, Kent CT17 9BU. June 4.

The first - probably irreversible -

well known in the railway industry

ing other things being relatively equal) it has a strong competitive edge over the equivalent airline journey. Trains between London and Paris

take between 173 and 189 minutes. If one adds 20 minutes' check-in, then the psychological time is almost 32 hours. Trains to Brussels take between 156 and 168 minutes, thereby averaging - including the check-in over the critical three-hour threshold. Worse still, at Brussels, the 20 minutes' connection to Germany is sometimes missed because of slow passport control (and a long walk). leaving passengers with a two hour wait for the next train.

This second drawback could be removed by Mr Prescott and his colleagues at a stroke of the pen.

Yours sincerely, R. H. FOSTER, Winterburn Grange, nr Skipton, North Yorkshire BD23 3QR.

From Dr William Filmer-Sankev. Director of The Victorian Society

Sir, The regeneration of the Grade 1 listed Victorian masterpieces of St Pancras Station and the Midland Grand Hotel, and of the remarkable 19th-century townscape around them. was hailed as one of the great potential benefits of the CTRL. Conservation bodies, such as this society and English Heritage, which were con-cerned at the scale of demolition necessary to create the new terminus. were nevertheless persuaded into support by the prospect of prosperity for an area which has suffered terribly from years of blight and neglect.

With the London section now delayed, and your leading article of June 4, "Wrong sort of plan", arguing that the section is in any event unnecessary, the prospects for St Pancras look dark again. The uncertainty must be ended and the blight lifted. The great station and its surroundings have suffered far too long. Another indefinite wait means increased cost of restoration and may lead to irreversible decline.

The Government must now guarantee that the works will be completed. Only then, but then at once, can regeneration begin.

Yours faithfully, WILLIAM FILMER-SANKEY, Director. The Victorian Society, 1 Priory Gardens. Bedford Park, W4 ITT.

Exam standards

From Mr James Reid

Sir, You report (June 2) the dismissal by South Thames College of lecturer Jethro Cadbury for bringing his college into disrepute. The college's main complaint was his having given an interview to The Times explaining why he set a 1988 A-level question in a degree paper for students at London Guildhall University. This once again highlights the growing concern over falling examination standards.

Last summer I took, and passed, a mathematics A level that, in my opinion, could quite easily have been managed by many of those at present doing the GCSE syllabus.

Mr Cadbury should surely not be singled out in this matter. Yours faithfully,

JAMES REID (1st year undergraduate, Portsmouth Business School), 98 Kirby Road, North End, Portsmouth, Hampshire PO2 0PW. mc59159@sis.port.ac.uk

From Dr A. R. Stanford Sir, It is a sad comment on our in-

creasingly corporate-minded academic institutions that a lecturer appears to have been sacked from South Thames College for telling the truth about academic standards. Or perhaps I am old-fashioned in my belief that academics are charged with the pursuit of truth? Yours faithfully,

A. R. STANFORD, 18 Princes Road, Bromham, Bedford MK43 8QD.

Sale of Rolls-Royce From Mr Bernard Parke

Sir, In the late Sixties I purchased a new British-made car only to find that over the next six months many parts

failed or just dropped off the vehicle. I wrote to the then President of the Board of Trade to express my concern that if this experience was widespread it would lead to the demise of the British car industry. I received what could be called an unsympathetic reply from an official saying frankly I was wrong and the British car industry was second to none.

Nonetheless foreign cars were then becoming popular and I bought a second-hand VW Beetle. Is it not ironic to learn now that VW is to take over Rolls-Royce? By the way, I still have the same

Beetle. I was quite surprised the other day when the clutch went after 29 vears.

Yours faithfully, BERNARD PARKE, 25 Poltimore Road, Guildford, Surrey GU2 5PT.

Air quality

From Mr Mark C. Schroeder

Sir, As the Government develops its National Air Quality Strategy, and its energy policy, it will be interesting to see how it incorporates the evidence on pollution from heavy oil and coalfired power generation (report and leading article, May 27).

At present all indications are that the Government is minded to institute a moratorium on new gas-fired generation, as part of an effort to preserve a share of the power-generation market for coal-fired stations. This is, of course, at complete cross purposes with the need for reduced emissions of particulates, a desire to cut sulphur emissions and the Government's well advertised commitment to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases. particularly CO2.

The facts are not in dispute. Gasfired power generation is essentially totally free from emissions of either sulphur dioxide or particulates, pro-duces only about 40 per cent of the CO2 emissions that are associated with the most modern coal-fired generation and produces substantially less oxides of nitrogen.

The question for the Government is this: does the environment matter, or is it more concerned with propping up the last vestiges of the coal industry at the expense of everyone's health and wellbeing?

Regards, MARK SCHROEDER (Vice-President, Government and Regulatory Affairs), Enron Europe Ltd, Four Millbank, SWIP 3ET.

Uses for economists From Mr Arthur S. Hoffman

Sir, Further to Mr Eddie Kent's letter (June 3), my preferred definition of an economist is someone who knows more about money than people who have got it.

ARTHUR S. HOFFMAN. 55a Hastings Road. Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex TN40 2NH.

A helping hand

From Sir Robert Sanders

Sir, Budding authors and playwrights may be interested in a notice by the Glenalmond to Gilmerton road in Perthshire. It reads: "Plots for sale". Yours faithfully.

ROBERT SANDERS. 6 Park Manor, Crieff PH7 4LJ. June 9.

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Abacha's legacy of writers in captivity

From Mr Moris Farhi

Sir, Reacting to the death of Nigeria's President, General Sani Abacha (reports and obituary, June 9), the Writers in Prison Committee of International PEN calls for the immediate release of all writers and journalists imprisoned in Nigeria.

PEN delegates from 31 countries are meeting in Chichester this week to discuss freedom of expression and human rights concerns. Many PEN centres around the world have elected jailed Nigerian writers and journalists as their honorary members and campaigned to have their colleagues released. Since the execution of the writer and Nobel laureate, Ken Saro-Wiwa (report, November 13, 1995), PEN has also intensified its efforts to end the arbitrary detention and harassment of writers and journalists

in Nigeria. The committee also urges that all charges against Wole Soyinka be dropped and expresses its hope that all Nigerian writers in exile be allowed to return home, if they so wish, without fear of persecution.

PEN reminds multinational enterprises in Nigeria of their ethical duty to uphold international standards of free expression and promote human rights in that country.

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Yours faithfully, MORIS FARHI (Chair, Writers in Prison Committee), International PEN. 9-10 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, ECIM 7AT.

Summoned by bleeps

From Mrs Sylvia Disley

Sir, The discovery by scientists at Stirling University that fish respond to a "dinner-gong" (report, June 2) re-minds me of a well known trout pool in New Zealand which I first visited in 1950 and which remains a tourist attraction. It contains the largest trout I have ever seen.

There, I recall, a woman would bring them their food in a large metal dish, stand by the pool and bang the dish noisily with a spoon, at which all the fish would rush towards her, an impressive sight, to be rewarded by an ample meal.

However, these trout were never farmed. If the system used for feeding them at Stirling — an electronic bleep — were also to be used for luring them to their death, might not the same intelligence warn them off, or at least

confuse those that slipped the net? Yours faithfulk SYLVIA DISLEY. Hampton House. Upper Sunbury Road Hampton, Middlesex TW12 2DW.

From Mrs Susan Rigg

Sir, My late father-in-law used to tell of an old sadhu calling fish to feed half an hour before sunset every day at Takhut Sagar, a lake near Jodhpur in what is now Rajasthan, India. The fish, murral, were clearly visible, very big and quite safe from fishermen. since the lake was sacred and fishing prohibited.

After leaving India shortly after Independence my father-in-law built a small pond in his garden in Yorkshire and used to call his goldfish to feed every day by knocking on the stone at the side of the pond. My husband and followed suit in our garden in Hampshire.

I would be very happy to pass on my expertise to the scientists for a modest sum.

Yours faithfully, S. RIGG, Doverhay, Porlock, Somerset TA24 8LL June 2.

From Sir Humphry Wakefield Sir, In the 1940s, when I was a child in princely India, we often had tea with His Highness, The Maharajah of Rewa State. He would tinkle a bell

and his pond would heave with fish

asking to be fed. Quite a scientist, HH? Yours sincerely, HUMPHRY WAKEFIELD, Chillingham Castle. Chillingham.

Northumberland NE66 6UJ.

'Stealing' trade

From Mr William L. B. Walker Sir, Shortly after the war, when many coach parties were arriving at Woodstock. Oxfordshire, queues used to

form outside a ladies' public convenience with a turnstile entrance opposite the back of the Star Inn. One very hot afternoon, when the pub was closed, the landlord suggested to the long line of ladies that if they wished they could use the toilets in his

yard. Several accepted his kind offer. I was managing the brewery that owned the pub. With some disbelief I received a letter from the clerk to Woodstock council complaining that our tenant was "importuning" its trade [letters, June 1, 2, 9] and asking me to tell him that the practice must

Yours sincerely, WILLIAM L. B. WALKER. 145 Coleherne Court. Redcliffe Gardens, SW5 0DY. June 3.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE June 9: Mr Philip Flood was received in audience by The Queen upon his appointment as High Commissioner for the Commonwealth of Australia in London. Mrs Flood was also received by Her Majesty.

Mr Peter Carey (winner of the Commonwealth Writers Prizel and Mrs Carey were received by The

Dr Humayun Khan (Director of the Commonwealth Foundation) was present.

Mr James Alder was received by The Queen and presented his book, Birds of Balmoral, to Her

Mrs Alder was also received by The Queen.

The Duke of Edinburgh. Senior Trustee, this morning attended a meeting of the Trustees at the National Maritime Museum. Greenwich, South East London. His Royal Highness. Patron. this afternoon unveiled a plaque at

22 Upper Brook Street, Mayfair. London, to commemorate the founding of the Royal National Institute for Deaf People.
The Duke of Edinburgh.
Founder and Chairman of the International Trustees, The Duke

of Edinburgh's Award International Association, this evening gave a Reception at Buckingham The Viscount Brookeborough (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this evening upon the Arrival of The President of the Republic of South

Africa and welcomed President Mandela on behalf of The Queen. The Lady Elton has succeeded Lady Dugdale as Lady in Waiting to Her Majesty.

CLARENCE HOUSE June 9: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother today visited

Queens' College, Cambridge, to mark the Five Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of its foundation and the Fiftieth Anniversary of Her Majesty's first visit as The Lady Angela Oswald and

School news

Bancroft's School

Old Bancroftians' Day will this year be held on Saturday, June 27, and all former pupils of the School are invited to attend. Full details can be obtained from The Honorary Secretary, OBA, c/o Bancroft's School, Woodford Green, Essex, IGS ORF. ancaster Royal Grammar

School

Founder's Day will be held on July 4, 1998, to coincide with a major exhibition of school archives and to commemorate the royal visit to the School in 1951. Further details from The Headmaster, LRGS, Lan-caster, LAI 3EF, Tel 01524 32109, www.lres.org.uk

Legal appointment

luner Temple

Judge Orde has been elected a Master of the Bench of the Inner

Sir Alastair Aird were in

The Lady Angela Oswald has succeeded Mrs Michael Gordon-Lennox as Lady in Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen

ST JAMES'S PALACE June 9: The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Trust, this afternoon gave a Garden Party.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE June 9: The Duke of York, Trustee this morning attended a meeting of the Trustees at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, South East London.

His Royal Highness this evening took the Salute at the Royal Artillery Sunset Ceremony on Horse Guards Parade, London. BUCKINGHAM PALACE

June 9: The Prince Edward, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Foundation, this evening attended a Reception at Buckingham Palace.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE June 9: The Princess Royal this morning opened the new premises of the Haven Trust at Spa Road. Gloucester, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Gloucestershire (Mr Henry

Her Royal Highness, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, afterwards visited Gloucestershire Carers Centre, College Green, Gloucester, and attended a Reception in the Parliament Rooms.

The Princess Royal, President, Riding for the Disabled Association, this afternoon attended the Maisemore Group's Twenty Fifth Anniversary event at Maisemore Riding Centre, Maisemore,

Gloucestershire. THATCHED HOUSE LODGE RICHMOND PARK

June 9: Princess Alexandra, accompanied by the Rt Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy and attended by the Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox. arrived in London this afternoon from Brussels.

Church news The Church in Wales

The Rev Gwynia L.J. Warrington. Vicar of Beguildy with Heyope to be Vicar of Llywel with Traeanglas with Llanulid (Crai). The Rev Katherine I. Warrington, Di-ocesan Sunday Schools Adviser is to be licensed as N.S.M. The Rev Patricia A. Bryant to be

Vicar of Merthyr Cynog with Garthbrengy with Llandefaelog Fach with Llanfihangel Fechan. The Rev Peter J. Bryant, is to be licensed as N.S.M.

Exhibition

Painter-Stainers' Company

Painter-Stainers' Company craft exhibition held vesterday at Painters' Hall. Members of the Painter-Stainers' Company, exhibitors, associated craftsmen and students from the London Guildhall University and the Reignte School of Art and Design displayed



Dry launch for college's boat

OUEEN ELIZABETH THE QUEEN MOTHER yesterday named a boat, but without either of the two traditional liquids associated with such an event water and champagne. The Queen Mother was at Queens' College.

Cambridge, of which she has been patroness for 50 years, to name a new £12,000 vessel for the college women's rowing team. She named it, appropriately, Patroness, in a brief ceremony on the safe dry land of the college lawn.

After the Queen Mother had left, the crew poured a glass of champagne over their new boat for luck. The tradition of breaking a

13 Old Square

The chambers of Michael Lyndon-

Stanford, QC, gave a dinner at the

Ivy, London, WC2, on June 4, 1998.

to mark the appointment of Sir William Charles, former Junior

Counsel to the Treasury (Chan-

cery), to the High Court bench and

to mark the retirement of Mr T.L.G. Cullen, QC. In accordance

with chambers' tradition a speech

in honour of the principal guests

was made by the junior tenant, Mr

Robert Swerling. Amongst the present and former members of

Lord Oliver of Aylmerton, Lord

Nicholls of Birkenhead, the Hon Mr Justice Rimer, Professor Sir

Robert Jennings, QC. Professor

Mr Frank Wootton The Chief of the Air Staff was

represented by Air Commodore

C.M. Chambers, Director of the

Air Staff, at a service of thanks-giving for the life of Mr Frank-Wootton, aviation artist, held yes-terday at St Clement Danes, The

Strand. The Rev Nick Heron.

Station Chaplain at RAF Northolt,

officiated and the Rev Peter Smith.

Rector of Berwick and Vicar of

lesson. Air Chief Marshal Sir Neil

Wheeler read High Flight by Pilot Officer John Gillespie Magee. Mr

Omeer John Gillespie Magee. Mr John Blake gave an address, Among others present were: Mrs Wootton (widow), Mr Leigh Wootton and Mr Dale Wootton (sons), Mrs Tracy Lignini (daughter). Mrs Grynnis Dace and Miss Della Purceil (granddaughters). Mr Rodney Wootton (brother), Mrssi Wootton (step-brother), Miss

chambers attending were:

bottle over the bows is not followed in the case of boats made of glass fibre, as the resulting damage can be costly.

Philippa Bayley, 21, captain of the women's rowing crew and a third-year natural sciences student from Harpenden. Hertfordshire, said: Apparently the Queen Mother did not want champagne, maybe it was just for simplicity's sake so we decided to have our own ceremony after she had gone." Clarence House said that the Queen

Mother had not been launching a boat. merely naming one.

The Queen Mother unveiled a plaque commemorating the college's 550th anniversary and her own half-century of patronage.

Dinners

Kurt Lipstein, QC, Mr R.W.M. Dias and Mr John Hopkins. Scientific Instrument Makers' Company Mr Alderman and Sheriff and Mrs

David Howard were received by Sir Ivor Cohen, Master of the Scientific Instrument Makers' Company, and Lady Cohen at the annual dinner held last night at the Mansion House. The Master, Sir Peter Parker and Mr Brian Atherton, Senior Warden, were the speakers. The Masters of the Musicians', Glaziers', Gardeners', Glass Sellers'. Launderers' and Information Technologists' Companies, the Commandant of RAF College Cranwell, and the Captain of HMS Vigilant were among those present

Doreen Wootton (step-sister), Mr Mark Wootton, Miss Mary J Wootton, Mrs B Cawthorne (mother-in-law), Mr Stephen Cawthorne (brother-in-law), Miss Naomi Cawthorne, Mr Alex Cawthorne, Mrs Elleen Wootton. Air Chief Marshall Sir Lewis and Lady Hodges, Air Chief Marshall Sir Christopher and Lady Poxley-

Lady Foxley-Christopher and Lady Foxley-Norris, Air Chief Marshal Sir Roger Palin (controller, RAF Benevolent Fund), Air Marshal Sir Frederick

Fund), Air Marshai Sir Frederick amd Lady Sowrey, Lady Wheeler, Sir George Edwards, OM, FRS. Air Vice-Marshai N E Hoad, Air Commodore A D A Honley, Group Captain C J Eadle, Wing Commander A Grant, Wing Commander A Grant, Wing Commander A Grant, Squadron Leader J Palmer, Squadron Leader G Cooke, Squadron Leader G Cooke, Squadron Leader G Cooke, Squadron Leader G Cooke, Miss A Becken, Mr John Burningham, Mr G Clemmett, Mr Martin Duffy, Professor R Forsythe, Mr J Freeborn, Mr J Gorring, Professor E R Hardy-Ivamy, Mr R

Latest wills

Helen Makin Granby. Wetherby. West Yorkshire, left estate valued at £1.337.137 net. She left £2.000 each to nine charities. Elizabeth Mary Yeardley, of Rotherham, South Yorkshire, left estate valued at £1,074,605 nct. Beryl Joyce Clemons. of Harrogate, North Yorkshire, left estate valued at £1,060,618 net. Dorothy Margaret Derbyshire, of

Hertford, left estate valued at E1,022,590 net. Richard Melville Beaumont. a solicitor, of Southwell, Not-tinghamshire, left estate valued at £2,083,638 net.

James Kemsey Wilkinson. of Gaddesby, Leicestershire, left es-tate valued at £3,340,420 net.

Hudson, Mr Clive Hunting, Mr John Maynard, Miss A McIlwaine, Mr R Milne, Mr Edward Miller, Mr P Norman, Mrs P D O'Halloran, Mr T Phillips, Mr Duncan Simpson, Mrs Peter Smith, Mr C Smith, Miss Nicola Smith, Miss K Smith, Mr and Mrs R Tailbot-Smith Mr P S Tains

Mrs P Talbot-Smith. Mr R S Twine, Mrs J E Weaver. Mr P S Weaver. Mr N

Building Award

Lord St John of Fawsley, Chairman of the Royal Fine Art Commission, and Mt Mark Booth. Chief Executive and Managing Director of British Sky Broadcasting, presided at the presentation of the Royal Fine Art Commission/ British Sky Broadcasting Building of the Year Awards at the Savoy Hotel, London, on Monday, June

Sir Philip Dowson, CBE, Presidem of the Royal Academy of Arts. presented the joint award to Sir Norman Foster, OM, for the American Ait Museum at Duxford, Cambridgeshire, and to Mr Giles Downes for the Octagonal Lantern Lobby at Windsor Castle. He also presented the following special certificates: for The Arts to Ian Ritchie for the Crystal Palace Concert Platform. Bromley, for The Universities to Richard MacCormac for the Ruskin Library at the University of Lancaster and for Small Buildings to Piers Gough for the Bar Rouge Café, Brindleyplace, Birmingham. Miss Tania Bryer of British Sky

Broadcasting presented a special award in memory of Popli Khalat-Bari for the Olivier Theatre at Bedales School, Petersfield, Hampshire. Members of the Diplomatic

Corps. Government Ministers and Members of both Houses of Parliament were present at a reception held afterwards in the River Room.

The Duke of Edinburgh celebrates his 77th birthday

Birthdays today

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Mr Brian Baldock, former deputy chairman, Gulnness, 64:
Mr W.G. Barr, former Rector.
Exeter College, Oxford, 81: Mr Saul Bellow, writer, 53: Mrs Susan Bodinham.
Headmistress, St. Man's School, Wantage, 47: the Right Rev LW.
Brown, former Bishop of St.
Edmundsbury and Ipswich, 86: Sir Bryan Carriedge, former Principal, Linacre College, Oxford, 67: Sir Christopher Collett, former Lord Mayor of London, 67: Mr Peter Crampton, MEP, 66: the Very Rev G.J.T.
Forbes, provost, St. Marv's Cathedral, Edinburgh, 47: Sir Brinsley Ford, former chairman, National An-Collections Fund, 89: Lord Justice Peter Gibson, 64: Mr Graham Carleton Greene, publisher, 62; Mr R.P. Halward, former Governor, Manchester (Strangeways) prison, 47: Sir William Harris, civil engineer, 86: Mr Guy Harwood, racchorse trainer, 61: Sir Arthur Hawkins, former chairman, CEGB, 85: Mrs Phyllis Hetzel, former president, Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge, 80: Dr Polly Hill, anthropologist, 84; Mr Lionel Jelfries, actor, screen writer and film director, 72: Mr Simon Jenkins, former Editor, 7the Times, 55; Mr Michael Kenny, sculptor, 57: Sir Geoffrey Otton, former civil servan, 71: Mr Anthony Rooley, lutterist, 54: Major-General Michael Walsh, former Chief Scout, 71:

and Mrs V Hammer: Ms C Thomas (curator. RAF Museum). Mr S G Seymour (chairman, Society of Friends, RAF Museum), with Mr R E W Pearce: Mr C Richards (Air Historical) branch), Mr Alan Possam and Mr Freddie Booghardt (Dutch Resistance Association). Mr M Garrigan (SBAC) and many other friends and former colleagues.

Kenneth A.G. Fox

Mis J E Weaver, Mr P S Weaver, Mr N A Wills.
Air Commodore G J Claridge (RAF Club), Air Commodore H Hargreaves and Air Commodore H Gromkins (RAFA). Mr Michael Turner (president, Guild of Avlation Arlists) with Mr R Steel (vice-president), Mr C Thompson (chairman), Mr M i Gee (trustee) and other members of the guild: Squadron Leader L W G Stark (president, 609 Squadron Association) with Mr A R Graham (secretary) and other members of the association.

Mr D Raddiffe (secretary, Bomber Command Association) with Squadron Leader T C Iveson, Miss M Brame, Mr A Huberman, Mr R Lewis There will be a memorial service for Kenneth Fox, Diploma of Merit Church, Piccadilly, London, on Monday, June 15, 1998, at 11.00am.

Sandy Pease

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Sandy Pease will be held at St Luke's Church, Sydney Street. Chelsea SW3. on Wednesday, July 8. at 11.30am.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.J. Aldous

and Miss H.E. Prion The engagement is announced between Robert younger son of Mr and Mrs James Aldous, of Halesworth, Suffolk, and Helen. only daughter of Mr and Mts Edmund Prinn, of Feisted, Essex,

Dr J. Beckly and Miss R. Brookes

The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Dr and Airs David Beckly, of Buckland Monachorum, Devon, and Rowena, daughter of the late Squadron Lender John Brookes. AFC. DFC, and of Mrs Tom Brookes Pierce, of Cawsand, Cornwall, Mr C.P.F. Deve

and Miss K.E. McMillan The engagement is announced between Christopher Dewe. of Rodmarton, Gloucestershire, and Katharine McMillan, of Cirencester, Gloucestershire. Mr K.P. Frost

and Miss E.N.L. Tubb The engagement is announced between Kevin, youngest son of the late Mr Percy Thomas Frost and of Mrs June Frost, of Dartford, Kent,

and Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerald William James Tubb. of Purley, Surrey. Mr W.P. Hargrove and Miss F.R. Murray The engagement is announced between William. only son of John and Charmian Hargrove, of West

Clandon, Surrey, and Frances, elder daughter of Philip and Nesta Murray, of Winchmore Hill, London, N21. Mr J.S. Jack

and Miss S.J. Parker The engagement is announced between Jason, son of Mr and Mrs J.K. Jack. of Orsett, Essex, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs N. Parker, of Stanford-Le-Hone,

Essex. Mr W.P. Jones and Miss G.L. Freeman The engagement is announced between Warwick Peter, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Leslie Jones, of

Peaslake, Surrey, and Georgina Louise, younger daughter of Mrs Judy Freeman, of Guildford, Surrey.

Today's royal

engagements

The Queen will visit Sir James Barrie School. Condell Road, Wandsworth, at 2.45; will visit the swimming pool and meet swimmers at the Battersea Technology College. Dagnall Street. Wands-worth, at 3.15; as patron, the Shaftesbury Homes and "Are-thusa" will visit the Winstanley Road Children's Home. 50 Winstanley Road, at 3.45; and will inaugurate the closed-circuit television system for Wandsworth town centre at Arding and Hobbs department store. Clapham Junction. London SWII. at 4.05.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as president, will preside at a meeting of the Royal Mint Advisory Committee at Buckingham Palace, at 11.30. Later, he will attend the Scotland v Brazil World Cup football match at Le Stade de France, Paris, at 5.30,

The Duke of York will visit the Bank of England. Threadneedle Street, at noon,

The Princess Royal, as president. British Olympic Association, will attend the National Olympic Committee meeting and the annual meeting at the Café Royal, Regent Street, at 10.30. Later, as Commandant-in-Chief (Ambulance and Nursing Cadets). Order of St John, will give a reception for Grand Prior Cadets at Buckingham Palace, at 6.30.

Mr S. Lawrence and Miss A. Savill

The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mrs P. Lawrence of Wales, and Antoinette, eldest daughter of Mrs E. Pereira, of London.

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Mr G.J. Longster and Miss LJ. Hines

The engagement is announced between Graham, son of Mr and Mrs Colin Longster, of Langley, Berkshire, and Lucinda, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Bryan Hines, of Seer Green, Buckinghamshire.

Mr J.C.C. Smith and Miss D. Cuzzolin

The engagement is announced between Jervis, eldest son of Mr Alan Smith, of St John's Wood, London, and of Mrs Adele Smith, of Combe. Oxfordshire, and Daniela, eldest daughter of Signor Luigi and Signora Maria Cuzzolin. of Annone Veneto, Italy.

Marriages

Marriage Mr A.W. Goodhari and Miss J.A. Lewis The marriage took place in London yesterday of Mr Arthur Goodhart to Miss Jacqueline Lewis.

Mr M. Nestor and Miss F. Benn

The marriage took place on June 6. at St Matthew's, Great Peter Street, London, SWI, between Michael, only son of Michael Nestor and the late Martha Nestor, of Croydon, Surrey, and Frances, only daughter of David and June Benn. of Blackheath.

Mr R. van Rooij and Miss S.F. Hanbury The marriage took place on May 30. in Lincolnshire of Mr René

van Rooij and Miss Sam Hanbury.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: James Francis Edward

Stuart, the "Old Pretender", London, 1688; André Derain, painter, Chaton, France, 1880; Frederick (Fritz) Loewe, composer. Vienna, 1901: Sir Terence Rattigan, dramatist, London, 1911; Judy Garland, film star. Grand Rapids. Minnesota, 1922. DEATHS: Frederick I. "Barba-

rossa". Holy Roman Emperor 1152-90, Armenia. 1190: King George I. reigned 1714-27, Osnabruck, Germany, 1727: Andre-Marie Ampère, physicist. Marseilles, 1836; Antonio Gaudi. architect, Barcelona, 1926; Frederick Delius, composer, Grez-sur-Loing, 1934; Jack Johnson, world heavyweight boxing champion 1910-15, North Carolina, 1946: Sigrid Undset, novelist. Nobel laureate 1928. Lillehammer, Norway, 1949; Spencer Tracy, actor, 1967.

Reception Wolfson History Prizes 1997

Sir Keith Thomas, FBA, Chairman of the Judges of the Wolfson History Prizes 1997, was the host at a reception held last night at Claridge's for the presentation of the prizes. Lord Skidelsky, FBA, presented the awards to Professor John Brewer and Baroness Hollis

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BIRTHS AYEM - On 20th May to Ayodele and Remi (née Awesu), a son, Ayodele, BANDA - On May 30th at The Portland Hospital to Portland Rospital to Bridget (née Chisanga) and James, a daughter, Sandile

BUTLER - On June 5th at The Portland Hospital to Oksanna (něe Zanít) and Patrick, a daughter, Natalia Blake. CAREY - See Hyslop.

CHANCE - On June 4th to Michelie (née Preston) and Andrew, a daughter, Lara Caroline, a sister for Rosie. CLEVELY - On June 4th to Joanna (nee Greenwell) and Rupert, a daughter, Montant, a sister for Coco and India.

DANCE - On May 20th at The Portland Hospital to Susan and Michael, a son, Scott David, a brother for Hugh. GLUCKSTEN - On June 7th, 1998, to Dana (née Roberts and Simon, a son, James Edward Roberts

HAME ING - On April 28th to Marie-Claire and Jonathan, a son, William Sebastian Henry, a brother for Harry. HUGHES - On 8th June 1998, at Princess Royal Hospital to Anne (née Kane) and

HUTTON - On 27th May to Katie (née Harvey) and Chris, a daughter Elizabeth Daisy.

HYSLOP - On May 25th 1998 to Patricis (née Carey) and John, a daughter Julia Isobel Ann, a sister for Matthew.

JOARDER - On 3rd May, to Clare (nde Stokes) and Peter, a beautiful daughter, Chice Tabitha Clare. LECKE - on 10th May. 1998, at Lenox Hill Hospital, New York City, to Gavin and Elizabeth (not O'Donnell), a coa, Angus Wheelwright, a brother for Hamish and Catrions.

LINDSAY - On June 7th at The Perciand Hospital to Christa and Inn, a daughter, Charlotte Anne, a stater for Isabel Rose.

MUDRESH - On May 31st at The Portland Hospital to Acristins and Sami, a son Michael, a brother for Felipe. IORMAN/MEREDITH - on

MORRIAN/MEREDITH - on May 6th 1998, at York, to Charity and Tim, a daughter. Cora Anne Norman.

NORTH LEWIS - On 9th June to Clare and Selby, a daughter, Polly.

OTTWAY - On June 5th 1998 at The Portland Hospital to Zoe (née Joseph) and Michael a son, Maximilian, a brother for Charlotte.

PITS-TUCKER - On June

a brother for Charlotte.
PITS-TUCKER - On June
2nd, to Katherine (nae
O'Toole) and Charles, a
daughter, Auna Charles, a
daughter, Auna Charlotte.
SHARRON - To Joanna (nee
Kleeman) and Michael are
delighted to announce the
birth of Olivia Sahrina on
Friday 5th June 1998. SHEEG - On May 23rd at The Portland Hospital to Denise and Udi, a son, Be a brother for Michal and Moran.

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SYKES - On June 7th to
Louise (née Burke) and
Thn, a son, Thomas.
THÉHERNE - On June 1st to
Susan and Sinon, a son,
James Alexander. VASS - On June 8th 1988 to Mopsy (née Annabella Humphreys) and Andrew Humphreys) and Andrew, a son, Charles Frederick

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

McGEE - Joanie, Ann.
Michael, Brian, John and
family would like to thank
the rest of the family and
many friends for their
numerous sympathy
messages and floral
tributes received in the
loving memory of Tom
who passed away on 18th
April this year. It is
obvious that Tom's life
louched the many who
knew him.

DEATHS

ALEXANDROU - Louis on 2nd ALEXANDROU - Louis on 2nd Jupe 1998, beloved som of Elpiniki and much lowed by Jackie and Barry, died tragically walking in the Pices Mountains, Spain doing what he loved. The funeral will take place at Randalis Park Crematorium, Leutherhead on Monday 13th June at Ipm. Family flowers only, donations if desired, to Cancer Research Campaign, co Fredk. Paine 71 Walton Roed, East Mulesey, Surrey KTS ODP.

loving sister of Mynddin and sister-in-law of Eirlys, Ann and John. Funeral Service at the Church of the Holy Name. Eaher. Monday June 15th at 1.30pm followed by cremation at Randalls Park. Leatherhead. Flowers if desired to F.W. Paine, 108 High Street, Esher, Surrey.

AMKER - (formerly
Chamberlain) Dorothea
Joan, better known as
"Zillah". Passed away
peacefully on June 6th.
Much loved mother of
David and Richard.
Funeral Service on
Monday June 15th, 11.30
am at St. Columbe Parish
Church, Collingtree,
Northumpton. Family
Revers only. Donations if
wilded to The Cyuthia
Spencer Trust fund may be
sent please to B. Hollowell
& Son and W.K. Burbidge
Funeral Directors, 148
Beech Avenue,
Northumpton, NN3 2JN.

BARRON - Rosemary
Barbara (née Scott) died
8th June 1998, after a long
and courageous fight
against canoar. Beloved
wife of Michael James
Pabers Barron and much wife of Michael James
Robert Barron and much
loved mother of Michael
Timothy and James
together with her many
adoring grandchildren.
Funeral Sarvice at St.
Edmand King & Martyr
Church East Merses on the
16th Jame at 12 noon.
Family flowers only but
donations if desired
psyable to St. Balena
Hospice c/o J.K. May
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Blackwater House Barfield
Road West Merses Road West Merses Calchester CO5 8JG.

SERGL - Maurice Balfour Wright. Died Pescafully in hospital in Berzunds on 6th lune, 1998 aged 81. Devoted husband of Mary, inther to Alan and Elizabeth and Grandfather to Indies, Simon, Arys and Dars, inther-in-lew to Gillien and Behak. In lieu of flowers, donations may be senf to: The Royal Air Force Benevolest Fund, 67 Portland Place, London WIN 44R.

RAMFORD - on Sunday June
7th 1996 peacefully at
home in Claygate, Beryl,
dearly loved wife of
Patrick for 47 years. Much
loved mother of David and
Simon, dearest mother-inisw of Patricia and Alison,
beloved grandmother of
Henry, Charles, Thomas,
Christopher and Anna and
loving stere of Mynddin
and sister-in-law of Eirlya,
Ann and John. Fumeral
Service at the Church of
the Holy Name, Eaher.

BRINTON - On June 6th 1998,
peacefully, Richard, aged
88 years. Service to take
place at St Peter & St Paul
Church, Wadhurst only private
cremation. Family flowers
only but donations if
wished to "Hospice in the
Weald" (for the Wadhurst
Room), c/o C Waterhouse
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COPLEY - David William.
Peacafully on Juna 6th
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Thankagiving at St.
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DEACON - Robert Anthony on 7th June 1998 died peacefully at home surrounded by his family after a valiant fight against a cruel disease, much loved and loving husband of Angels, devoted father to James and Paul, dearly beloved son of Raymond and Kathleen, esteemed and of Raymond and
Kathleen, extermed
brother of Alan and
Michael, popular brotherin-law and favourite uncle
to many naphews and
nicces, dear friend and
respected colleague.
Private cremation.
Memorial Service to
celebrate his life to be held
at Holy Trimity Church,
Stratford-upon-Avon,
Warwickshire on Friday
19th June at 11.30am. All
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GBBS – David Arthur on June 9th 1993 aged 75 at home in Connecticut, U.S.A. Beloved husband of Angels, Much lowed father, grandfather and brother.

and Clariness, grandfathe and Clariness, grandfathe great grandfather, and sup-lather. Cremation private. Thenkegiving Services in London and Yorkshire to be announced lease.

HAMMOND-MAUDE - On HAMMOND-MAUDE - On June 5th after a long illness borne with great dignity and patience Maje Michael William Vernoon Hammond-Maude, Most beloved husband of Sonia adored father of Jennifer

HENDERSON - William
Antony (Bill), peacefully
on June 8th 1998 aged 83.
Beloved husband of
Natalie and formerly of
the late Inge, father of
Tessa and Kathy and
grandfather of Charley,
Daniel and Annie. Funeral
on Friday 12th June at
11.00 am at St Andrew's
Church, Park Walk SW10.
Family flowers only but
donations, if wished, to
Marie Curie Centre,
Edashall, 11 Lyadhurst
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MEBARD - Tragically on June 5th, 1998, Emily Martha Brigid, beloved daughter of Ricky and Cherry-Anne and much loved sister to Matthew, Ofiver, Harriet, Alexander and Charles, All enquiries c/o David Holland Funeral Directors, Grantham

JACOBSEN - Luku (Susan)
(nee Roger) on Sth June
peacefully at Carse Abbas
Nursing Home, formerly
of Hampatened aged 90
years. Much loved mother
of Gilbert, Nick, Quentin
and Hearty, grandmother
and friend. Funeral service
at Yeovil Crematorium on
Monday 18th June at 3.00
pm Howers c/o Mr Harold
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KEATS - Viola (widow of William Kellner) of Brighton, actress died pescafully on 5th June 1898, Passeral at Presson St John Caurch, Presson Brove, Brighton on Friday 12th June at 3pm.

KNIGHT - Dollar (née Bugle) on June 6th suddenly but pescefully at home aged 82. Widow of Geoffrey, much loved mother of Venetia and Amanda and adored grandmother of James, Zinnia, Davina, Type Eulerand Volta. James, Zinnia, Davina, Tara, Felix and Katie. Private family cremation. Thanksgiving Service at Christ Church, Chelses on Friday 3rd July at 3pm. No flowers. Donations to flowers. Donations to Marie Curie Cancer Care,

28 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 80G. MACINNES - Dora Jane suddenly 6th June. We will miss your friendship and wisdom, Angus, Louise, Anna and Aimi. Funeral St John's Merrow, Tuesday 16th June at 3pm. Family flowers only, donations if wished to W.W.F.N., Pands House, Godslming. McGAUGHEY - Doctor May

McGAUGHEY - Doctor May suddenly at home in London on 3rd June 1998. Loving mother of Mark, sister of Edna, Raymond, Samuel, John and Lilly. She will be very sadly missed by all family and friends. Memorial Service on Saturday June 13th 1998 at St Edmund Hall, Oxford at 4pm. All flowers places to R.L. Bronley & Son, 145 Magdalen Road, Oxford. Tel: 01865 792227.

PARSOMS - On June 5th 1998
Claudia Sydney Maia aged
97 peacafully at Knowle
Park Nursing Home
formerly of Wonersh hear
Guildford. Beloved aunt of
Heather Cuflity.
Worldwide traveller and
authoress. Funeral will
take place at St John the
Beptist Church, Wonersh
on Tusady 16th June at
11am. Family flowers only,
but donations in her
memory to the Women's memory to the Women's Engineering Society would be walcome c/o Cranleigh Funerals 01483 275758.

PHRP - Bernard Arthur
MchS. of Streton, Rutland
at Grantham Hospital,
Saturday 6th June, after a
brief illness aged 62 years.
Formerly of Heston,
Middlesses and lecturer at
the London Foot Hospital.
Funeral at Grantham
Crumstorium on Monday
15th June at 2.00 pm.
Family flowers only
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Research c/o Fords of
Oakham, 8 Church Street,
Oakham Rutland Tel 01572
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RANDALL - Carl John of Lyne, Surrey suddenly on May 31st 1998 aged 44 years. Funeral service on Tuesday June 16th at Holy Trinity Church, Lyne at 2.00pm. Enquiries to G Boutell & Son 01932

HRIMPTON - Judith Anne

SHRIMPTON - Judith Anne aged 81 years, on 7th June, 1998, with serenity and peace. Wife of Derek. Stepmother of Giles, Mother to Daniel, Deborah and Elsine and Granny to Anna, Benedict and Magnus. Funeral at Belmont Abbey, Hereford, on 15th June, 1998, st 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, but piease any donations welcomed for Hereford Lifestyles and St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly (Harborne, Birmingham) may be sent to Dewe Brita, 115 Westlaling Street, Hereford HEA OJE.

PRINGETT - Colonel Dick Springett late Royal Artillery died 3rd June -Soldier and Furniture Restorer, Sedly missed. TRAFFORD - Closiy, dear cousin and friend, in her ninetieth year, on 7th June 1998, peacefully in Hereford General Hospital, after a fall while feeding the birds. Late of Goodrich Court, Herefordshire: elder daughter of Guy and Dorothy Trafford of Hill Court, Ross. Court, Ross, Herefordshire, Cremetica Hereford 17th June 1998,

12.30pm. Service of thanksgiving and interment of ashes on 23rd June, Marstow Parish Church, 2.00pm. Chinten, 2.00pm.

TURREN - Neil 2nd June

1988. Formerly of
Grenwich tragically aged
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OUTE - On 5th Juste in The FOUTE - On 5th June in The Hague, Netherlands, Nicholas G. Veilte, Enight in the Order of Orungs-Nassau. Devoted husbind of Gards, and believed father and grandfather. Funeral service at the Paschalls Charts, Wassenasseving 53, The Hague on Saturchy 13th June at 11 sh. Family flowers only. ŽAIO - Zak Heiny Ahmed died peacefully in his sleep on Sunday 7th June. Dearly loved by all and especially by Terry. Funeral Service at fortlake Crematorium at 3.30pm on Friday 12th June. Family flowers only. Donations to The British Heart Foundation.

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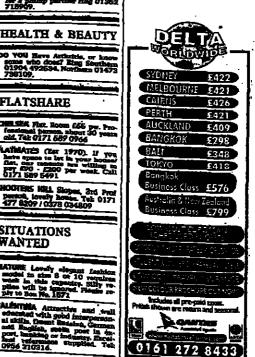
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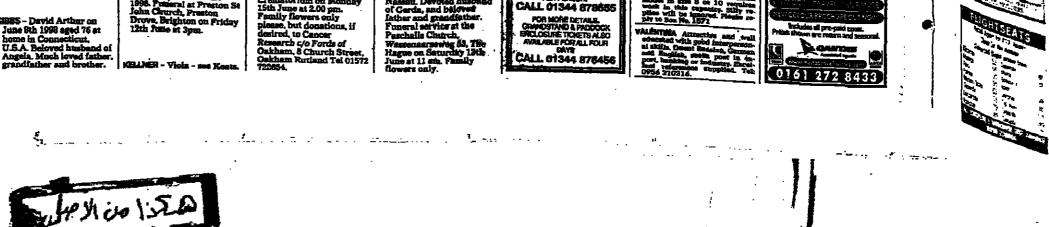
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CARDINAL AGOSTINO CASAROLI

Cardinal Agostino Casaroli, former Vatican Secretary of State, died on June 8 aged 83. He was born on November 24, 1914.

gostino Casaroli was a consummate diplomat. With his quiet tenacity, monumental patience and impressive command of languages, he was naturally suited to his role as the Holy See's unofficial "foreign minister". In that capacity he was for almost thirty years a driving force behind the Vatican's so-called Ostpolitik, the policy, started by John XXIII and continued in varying ways by his successors, of establishing some sort of modus vivendi with Eastern Europe's communist re-

In implementing and helping to form that policy, Casaroli was guided always by his belief that "Man is made for dialogue. The man who does not answer is like a plant denied nourishment from the soil." It was a belief not shared by everyone in the Vatican. There were those - the present Pope among them - who thought that the interests of Catholics under totalitarian regimes might be better served by forthright denunciations of oppression than by diplomacy. But Casaroli's more cautious approach prevailed, enabling the Church to survive in often difficult conditions behind the Iron Curtain, and undoubtedly playing a part in securing the peaceful resolution of the Cold War.

Casaroli's skills as administrator, diplomat and policy-maker made him a key figure behind the scenes in the Vatican as well as on the wider stage. Many an international leader would have given much to have the background support of a man of Casaroli's humility and capacity. Balding, bespectacled and slightly built, he was almost birdlike in appearance and manner. But the apparent fragility was misleading. A rare combination of scholar, negotiator and political analyst, he had a remarkable capacity for work and enormous strength of will.

Any early differences of opinion which he and John Paul II may have had over Eastern Europe were soon overcome. As Cardinal-Secretary of State from 1979 to 1990 Casaroli was not only the Pope's right-hand man,

but found himself increasingly charged with the day-to-day running of the Vatican. He may well come to be seen as one of the last great Italian curial servants of the old school, rising from the humblest positions in the central government of the Catholic Church to reach its highest post below the papacy. On his retirement the foreign and domestic duties he had single-handedly discharged were divided between two separate posts.

Agostino Casaroli was born at Castel San Giovanni, near Piacenza, of a family exceedingly close to the Church. Two uncles were priests, one becoming Bishop of Sarsina and the other Rector of the Piacenza Seminary.

He began his training in Piacenza and moved to Rome in 1936 to study canon law at the Lateran University. By the time he took his degree, he had already begun his studies for the Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy. the training ground for the Vatican's diplomatic corps. He was ordained priest in 1937 and in 1940 entered the Secretariat of State, the administra-tive centre of the Vatican which he was to go on to lead as Cardinal-Secretary. From the beginning he was involved in the section dealing with what are called "extraordinary affairs", meaning largely relations with governments. In common parlance this section was dealing with foreign affairs, but that is not a phrase much favoured at the Vatican. which avoids as far as possible the term "foreign" in respect to the universal role of the Church.

His rise within the office was steady, and at the same time he taught diplomatic style at the Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy. In 1961, John XXIII nominated him Under-Secretary of the Sacred Congregation for Extraordinary Affairs of the Church, and he left almost immediately for Vienna to lead the Holy See's delegation to the United Nations Conference on Diplomatic Relations. In 1963 he was back in Vienna. as the Holy See's representative at the United Nations Conference on Consular Relations. After the signing of the agreement he stayed in Vienna to begin the process of reopening relations with the governments of Eastern Europe.

Casaroli already spoke Spanish, French, German, English and Portuguese; he was not slow to add the



Casaroli in 1975: for almost three decades his diplomacy helped the Church to survive under Communism in Eastern Europe

languages of Eastern Europe. He went to Budapest, to Prague and to Belgrade, and in August 1970 was invited to Yugoslavia to mark the opening of diplomatic relations between Belgrade and the Holy See. In 1971 he went to Moscow to sign the Holy See's acceptance of the treaty on the non-proliferation of nuclear arms, and followed this with talks with Soviet officials. This was the first exchange in Moscow between a representative of the Holy See and the Soviet Government for 50 years. It was followed with visits to East Germany and to Poland. In August

1975 Casaroli signed the final docu-

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ment of the Helsinki accords. Of the original Helsinki signatories, he was the only one who would be still in office and present, 15 years later, at the security summit in Paris which marked the end of the Cold War.

Casaroli's enduring presence offered a source of stability in the Vatican during the turmoil which surrounded the short-lived pontificate of John Paul I in 1978. In April 1979 Pope John Paul II made him Pro-Secretary of State at the death of Cardinal Villot, and in June 1979 he was created Cardinal. In the same year he also took over the administration of Vatican City. He was responsi-

ble for ensuring the smooth running of the Holy See after the Pope was wounded in an assassination attempt in 1981.

There were undoubted differences both of opinion and of approach between the forthright, populist John Paul II and his discreet, meticulous Secretary of State. This was especially evident over Eastern Europe, where the Polish-born Pope was inclined to take a much more uncompromising line towards the communist regimes. Casaroli was once reported to have explained his own artifude by recalling the words of John XXIII: There are many enemies of the Church but the Church is enemy to no one." He went on to quote Paul VI, with whom he had worked even more closely: "It is almost impossible to negotiate with the Communists. We are proceeding on that almost."

Relations between the Vatican and the Soviet bloc took a turn for the worse after the imposition of martial law in Poland in 1981, but the process of impossible negotiation continued. Casaroli headed papal delegations to Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia in 1985, and to Moscow for the Orthodox millennium in 1988. On the latter occasion he was received in the Kremlin by Mikhail Gorbachev, and the following year the Soviet leader had an unprecedented audience at the Vatican.

In harnessing Soviet perestroika to the Church's Ostpolitik. Casaroli displayed to the full his remarkable diplomatic skills. By the time he retired in December 1990 at the age of 75, he had seen his carefully nurtured initiatives come to fruition. "It is God who has won in Eastern Europe," the Pope was able to proclaim.

Agostino Casaroli was the devoted servant to a succession of Popes, but he also felt the need for some contact with the world outside the Curia, and this he found in his work with the Gabelli Institute, a Rome centre for the re-education of minors in trouble with the law. He began helping young people in trouble in 1943, and many of these juvenile delinquents chose to keep in touch with him through the years as they found a position for themselves in society. These continuing contacts gave him a valuable insight from an unusual angle into the Church's place in the

DR JAMES CONWAY

James Conway, medical researcher, died on May 25 aged 76. He was born on September 14, 1921.

ALTHOUGH he had several careers in the field of medical research, James Conway worked for his last 18 years in Oxford, where he was a father-figure to many re-search fellows in the department of cardiology.

He was born in Zimbabwe, but was educated at Cambridge and St Bartholomew's Hospital, qualifying in 1946. after which he gained a London PhD in 1953 and a Cambridge MD in 1955. He was a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of London.

His first career was as a senior lecturer at Charing Cross Hospital Medical School, and then in 1956 he moved to the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, as associate professor of medicine where he spent the next 13

Working with Sidley Hoob-ler and later with David Bohr and Stevo Julius, he gained an international reputation as an accomplished physiologist. and was one of the earliest pioneers of the measurement of cardiac output and other circulatory variables.

In 1969 he moved to Georgetown University as Professor of Medicine, but partly for family reasons he returned to Britain as manager of biological research at what was then ICI Pharmaceuticals (now Zeneca). There his expertise in hu-

man circulatory physiology proved of great value in the research and development of many drugs and in particular of the new beta-adrenoceptor blocking agents which were to form the foundation of their modern pharmaceutical

He retired from ICI in 1980 and happily attached himself to the department of cardiovascular medicine at Oxford. He was to play an important

part in the technique of ambu-latory blood pressure monitorand in the trial methodology designed to determine more precisely the effects of different treatments, using cross-over designs in randomised comparisons which markedly reduced the numbers of patients needed to obtain definitive answers. Although he was by nature

an extremely modest person, the quality of his work was acknowledged by a number of



awards, such as the Ciba Foundation's award for research on ageing, an estab-lished investigatorship for the American Heart Association and the Folkow award for integrated physiology.

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Conway was an extremely unselfish individual who readily helped others to achieve their research aims. He was always more in the laboratory than anywhere else, and continued this despite his illness until a few months before his death.

He and his wife were very generous in looking after young people working in the laboratory and their families, offering wonderful meals at their rambling old house in Sutton Courtenay, with visitors contributing ethnic dishes from many parts of the world.

James Conway leaves behind a huge bibliography of solid research, with many wise reviews. He is survived by his wife, Betty, and by their daughter and four sons.

BRIGADIER G. S. N. RICHARDSON

Brigadier G. S. N. Richardson. DSO and bar, OBE. Gurkha commander, died on June 8 aged 87. He was born on July 12, 1910.

CALLED forward to con mand 1st Battalion 2nd Gurkha Rifles when the commanding officer was severely wounded in the 4th Indian Division's night attack on Monte Cassino of February 17-18. 1944, Gordon Richardson found his forward companies isolated and the rest of the battalion held down by artil-

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lery, mortar and machinegun fire from three sides. Coolly he reorganised and consolidated his dispositions, so that his men held their ground, despite intense enemy fire, until daylight and throughout the following day. In the evening, recognising

that a frontal attack could not succeed against tenacious German resistance from prepared positions, General Sir Bernard Freyberg, VC — com-manding the New Zealand Corps of which 4th Indian Division formed part ordered a withdrawal.

Still in close contact with the

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enemy, who continued to shell and mortar the battalion position. Richardson began the exacting manoeuvre of a night withdrawal under fire. Having devised a plan so that he never for a moment lost the initiative, he personally supervised the excavation of the wounded, remaining forward until every casualty and the last Gurkha rifleman was

clear. For his tactical skill, coolness and courageous leadership, he was awarded an immediate DSO. Having broken contact, 1st/2nd Goorkhas — as the was invariably regiment

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ridge facing Monte Cassino, under persistent artillery and mortar fire and without relief for five weeks, until the New Zealand Corps next attempted to take the monastery peak and open Route 6 through the Liri Valley to Rome in late March.

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Richardson continued in command of 1st/2nd Goorkhas for the remainder of the Italian campaign. In August 1944, he and his small "recce group" narrowly avoided disaster when they bumped into a party of Austrian troops. Captain Clive Marley-Clarke

was wounded in the ensuing mêlée but Richardson managed to get him to cover, killing or wounding four of the Austrians who attempted to rush him. He received a bar to his

DSO, again an immediate award, for the skill and courage with which he led his battalion during operations to break through the Gothic line in September 1944. Formed across the thigh of Italy to halt the Allies' autumn advance. and then hold them during the winter, this well-sited and strongly fortified line was Field-Marshal Kesselring's bastion against an early Allied advance into Austria. Still with 7th brigade of 4th

Indian Division, Richardson's battalion was ordered to attack a flank to relieve pressure on the neighbouring 46th division, in the centre of the Eighth Army's offensive to break through the Gothic Line on the Adriatic coast and into the Lombardy Plain. Advancing towards the mined banks of a flooded river

during the night of September 29-30, 1944, 1st/2nd Goorkhas collided with a German force advancing southwards. Fierce fighting at close range throughout the night saw the Germans driven back and the Gurkhas on their objective. Although the battalion began to take heavy casualties from intense shelling starting at first light, Richardson held on and successfully fought off a determined German attempt to infiltrate his position during the following night. Then, after a hazardous personal reconnaissance, he mounted two company counter-attacks and joined up with the 46th Division, which was then able to get forward.

Richardson temporarily commanded 7th Indian Bri-



Richardson: courage and tactical acumen earned him two immediate DSOs in the Italian campaign in 1944

gade during operations in Greece, from March to November 1945. The brigade part of the 60,000strong British force sent to support the Greek Government in the civil war which broke out as the German army withdrew from Greece in the autumn of 1944. Returning to command of

1st/2nd Goorkhas in December 1945, Richardson took them to India and then, following partition - when 2nd Goorkhas joined the British

March 1948. Their arrival barely preceded the outbreak of the communist insurrection in Malaya on June 16. Together with British and other Gurkha Rifles battalions, 1st/2nd Goorkhas immediately became involved in antiterrorist operations in the Malayan jungle. Richardson finally left them in May 1949. after almost five years in command, broken only by nine months commanding 7th

Indian Brigade. He was men-

period of service during the Malayan Emergency. After various staff and training posts, he was appointed to

tioned in dispatches for this

command 2nd Battalion and 2nd Gurkha Rifles in December 1952, becoming the first officer of the regiment to command both its regular battalions for a full term. Promoted to brigadier, he commanded 63rd Gurkha infantry Brigade during the final phase of anti-terrorist operations in Malaya, 1957-60. He was appointed Aide-de-Camp to HM the Queen in 1961 and retired from the Army in 1964.

Gordon Stewart Newnham Richardson was the son of Lieutenant-General Sir Charles Richardson, KCB, CIE of the Indian Army. He was educated at Blundell's School. Tiverton, and RMC Sandhurst and commissioned into the 2nd Gurkha Rifles in 1930. He joined the 1st Battalion in Dehra Dun in 1931 and was appointed adjutant in 1935. He was mentioned in dispatches for service during operations in Waziristan in 1937 before returning to England as an instructor at Sandhurst from 1938 to 1940.

Following his retirement from the Army he worked with the Overseas Development Aid organisation in Nepal until 1973 when he was appointed OBE (Civil Division) for his services. In retirement he lived in St Ouen,

Jersey. He married in 1938 Maria De Gruchy, who was killed in a rockfall in Nepal in 1968. Subsequently he married Mrs Jill Cope, widow of Major P. R. S. Cope of the 7th Gurkha Rifles, who predeceased him. He is survived by two daughters of his

marriage.

ARTICLES BY CABINET MINISTERS **GOVERNMENT STATEMENT**

Mr Johnston (Dundee, Lab) asked the Prime Minister whether he had come to a decision as to the desirability or otherwise of Cabinet Ministers during their term of office contributing articles upon public policy to the newspaper Press; whether he had drawn the attention of the Secretary of State for India to the rule held desirable by members of previous Cabinets; and, if

so, with what result. Mr Baldwin, Prime Minister (Bewdley): The Government has carefully considered this question and has decided to reaffirm the principle that Ministers of the Crown while holding office should refrain from writing articles for publication in any way connected with matters of current public

Mr Johnston: May I ask when that decision was taken, and whether the Prime Minister is aware of what is in today's London evening Press?

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Stanley Baldwin, the Prime Minister, was asked in the House of Commons whether Cabinet Ministers should write articles on public policy. The Prime Minister parried the questions with his customary skill.

Mr Baldwin: No; I very rarely see the

evening papers.

Mr Hore-Belisha (Devonport, L): Is the Right Hon Gentleman aware that there is a bill outside carrying the device "Murder. By the Earl of Birkenhead," and may I ask what action he proposes to take in the matter?

Mr Baldwin's reply was not audible in the Press Gallery.

Captain W. Benn (Leith L): Do we understand from the Right Hon Gentleman's answer that he has issued a

general prohibition of this practice, or only one concerning certain aspects of

Mr Baldwin: I do not understand the Hon and gallant member's question. I think the answer was perfectly clear.

Captain W. Benn: Does it apply to the series of articles now being published by Lord Birkenhead in the evening papers? Mr Baldwin: I am afraid I do not know what that series is. There may sometimes be a matter of quasi-public policy.

Mr G. A. Spencer (Broxtowe, L): Does the Right Hon Gentleman consider the question of divorce, about which Lord Birkenhead has been writing a great deal, one that a minister should write about at the present time?

Mr Baldwin: That is something that has passed. What I have said relates to the future.

Mr Stephen (Glasgow, Camlachie, Lab): Will the Prime Minister read the articles on murder by Lord Birkenhead? Mr Baldwin: I have a good many things to read.



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roll to suit subject or location. The FOTONEX 3500ix MRC. It gives a whole new meaning to fashion photography.

So be prepared for the fact that any camera you buy today will be all but obsolete in comparison with the newer models

JOÉL LACEY

he history of photography stretches back more than 150 years. During that period, the cameras, the films, the lenses and the level of technological and the logical sophistication of all the elements that go to make a picture have developed at an

ever-increasing pace.
With each advance has come another piece of jargon or another acronym but, while explaining all the latest technological advances, including the Advanced Photo System and digital imaging, it is important not to lose sight of the fact that the most important thing about photography is its ability to capture moments of our lives.

For many people the beginning and the end of photography is pointing a camera at the subject and pressing the shutter release button. It is an everpopular hobby, reflected by the many events organised throughout the country in connection with Photo 98, the UK Year of Photography and

the Electronic Image.

Do you, though, need a better camera to take better pictures? The answer was vividly illustrated by the Brit-ish photographer Bert Hardy who, in response to the claim that he took good pictures because he had a good camera, went off to shoot a photo feature for Picture Post magazine armed with a Box Brownie. The pictures he brought back went on to be counted among his most memorable.

The modern equivalent of a Box Brownie, a single-use camera, is perfectly adequate for occasions such as weddings. If, for example, brides were to put one on each table at the reception, they would get pictures that recorded the presence of everyone there. Equally, if you are going to the beach, a single-use model is much safer to take than a standard camera. Beaches. with their sea water, sand and picnics, can often be fatal to Crash, bang, wallop — what a memory



The most important thing about photography is its unique ability to capture for ever moments of our lives

break or have stolen a model that costs £6 rather than one that costs £60 or £200. That said, there is little doubt that while a professional photographer can extract the best from a given camera, many of us will find we create better images with a better specified

carnera. Models that give accosts £10,000 is likely to be cess to interchangeable lenses, which allow more powerful flashguns to be used or which have sophisticated light measuring and focusing systems, will certainly improve the majority of happy snaps.

Consumers seem perfectly Processing is another im-portant factor in the quality of willing to accept that a car that

images you can produce. British developing and printing is more comfortable, faster and better equipped than a £5,000 the cheapest in Europe, but it is not necessarily always the prised when told that a £100 best. If you get prints back with dust spots or bizarre colcantly better results than a 550 our casts, it might not be you

or your camera but the processing house that is at fault. in recent years, a new type

photographer. Pay more, and SLRs offer every feature you

could want, from autofocus to

sophisticated exposure sys-

tems. SLRs aren't as difficult

as you might think. Most have

autofocus and integral flash-

guns and offer fully automatic

program modes that make

SLRs tend to be larger and

them easy to use.

Joël Lacey says we can argue about the equipment, but we should never forget what photography is really about of camera has emerged: the camera as fashion icon. This new breed of pocketable, often stainless steel, product is perfectly capable of taking a cracking snap as well, but these cameras are often bought for their looks and their ability to be slipped into a handbag. Products such as Canon's Ixus and Contax's T2 may financially stretch you. more significantly than other models but they are easy to use and certainly exude quality.

As well as stylish products, manufacturers have developed some pretty extreme models over the years. You can buy a camera that records a 360-degree panorama, cameras that work a couple of hundred feet underwater and lenses that will make an object half a mile away seem as if it is close enough to touch.

in recent times an upsurge in "con" cameras. Cheaply made models, which have been styled to look like professional cameras, have been turning up at boot sales, mock auctions and high-street clearance sales at prices of up to £200 when their true worth is under a tenner.

To ensure that you do not get one of these models, the best protection is to shop at a specialist photo retailer.

Another consideration is the type and speed of film used in a camera. Film speeds are quoted in ISOxxx, where xxx is a number. The higher the number (eg. 400 or 800), the more sensitive the film, and the more likely it will be to return an acceptable result even in low lighting conditions.

But the best method of getting consistently good pic-tures can be distilled down to two concepts: thought and

 The author is technical editor of Amateur Photographer.

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Confused? Then read on

Daniel Lezano looks at the range of cameras and what they can do

alk into the average photographic shop and you will be prewith a bewildering display of cameras. No surprise, then, that many people even those with experience of cameras - can get con-Cameras can be divided into

three categories: compacts, 35mm single-lens reflexes (SLRs), and medium-format.

> ■ Compact cameras: These are point-and-shoot machines. Because they include everything you need to take a

nicture in most conditions. compacts are ideal for the person who wants fuss-free photography. With features such as autofocus, automatic exposure, a built-in flashgun and motorwinds, the compact is an all-in-one package capabie of great results.

Almost all compacts use

either 35mm or APS film and there are two main types, the fixed lens and zoom compact. Fixed-lens compacts feature a wide-angle lens ideal for group shots and landscapes thanks to their wide field of view. Zoom compacts generally have the

> models but boast a zoom lens Both types have their pros and cons. Fixed-lens compacts are smaller and lighter. Also, the lens on a fixed lens usually produces sharper results than a similarly priced zoom. So, if you're looking for a very small camera, or the highest lens quality possible from a com-

same features as fixed-lens

pact, choosing a fixed-lens model is a wise choice. Zoom compact sales far outweigh those of fixed-lens compacts, so what do they have going for them? The difference in lens quality isn't immediately obvious. Únless you plan making A4-size enlargements from your photos. it's unlikely you will notice any difference in sharpness be-

tween the two types. The versatility of a powerful zoom lens shouldn't be understated. How often has your subject been little more than a dot in the centre of the picture because you couldn't get close

enough? A lens 200M could have taken care of this with ease. For holidays or general snapshots. this is the camera for you.

■ 35mm single-lens reflexes (SLRs): What you see through the viewfinder is how your photograph will look, as a mirror in the camera reflects e mom me into the viewfinder.

model, yet many seem sur-

camera will produce signifi-

For versatility, there's little to touch the SLR, which offers the user complete control of almost every camera feature. Nearly all models allow you

to attach different lenses, which provides great scope for versatility. Wildlife photographers can fit a powerful telephoto lens to capture a distant animal and a wedding photographer can use a wide-angle lens to fit a large number of people in the frame. For general photography there's an enormous range of lenses on offer. As you would expect, these lenses offer a higher performance than those found on all but the high-end compact cameras. Flashguns, filters and motordrives all add to the flexibility of an SLR system and make it the No I choice for

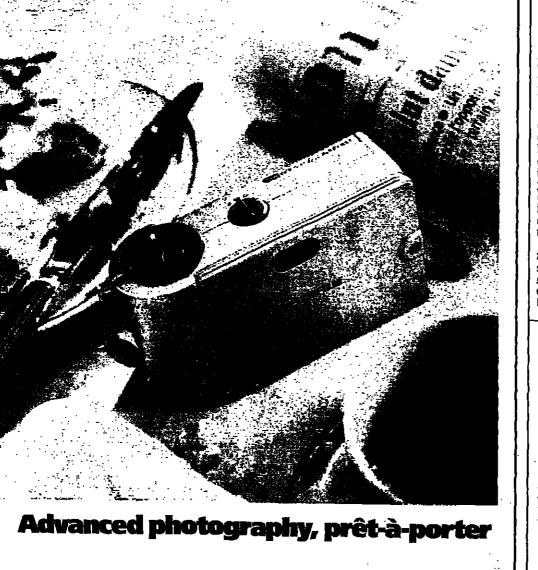
At the low end of the price range, SLRs, having the mini-

and more expensive. There are only a few APS SLRs available, but the general facts above also apply to them. An SLR is the one to go for if you want more versatility and better quality than a compact. mum of features, leave the focusing and exposure to the

■ Medium-format SLRs: These expensive cameras use a type of film referred to as rollfilm and can produce images ranging in size from 6x4.5cm to 6x17cm. The extremely high image quality makes them the choice for many professionals. Their large bulk and heavy weight means they are more suitable for use in a studio.

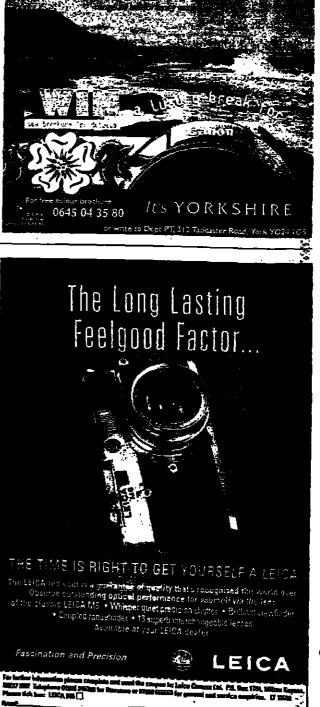
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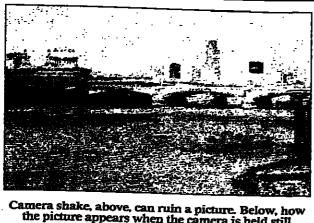


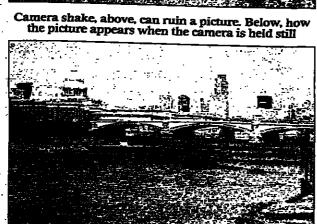
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Do not forget to load the film

Damien Demolder on ten simple ways to improve your photography

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should not affect APS (Advanced Photo System) cameras, but 35mm photo-graphers should load with jects in the foreground and background. Watch out parcare. If your camera has an LCD screen it will probably ticularly for trees or lamp tell you how many pictures you have taken. When you posts growing from a per-son's body, and items such as wall-mounted lampshades that appear to be balanced on have loaded a film make sure the LCD shows 'l' and not 'E' (error). On many manualyour subject's head. loading cameras you can see the rewind spindle rotate as

4 Photographs are often disappointing because the subject is too far from the you advance the film. ? You don't have to spend camera, thus appearing too La for ever looking through the viewfinder, but do take small in the final print. To create more impact, move in close so you fill the viewfindyour time to find the best er with the person or object angle or shooting position so you are photographing. that you are really happy with what is in the frame.

Long lenses and zooms 3 Once you have framed your subject in the view-Dare great for catching people unawares and looking finder, scan the surrounding natural. Longer lenses also areas for any distracting obhelp to create a more flatter-

ing portrait as they reduce the impact of certain strong facial features. A kind of instant



Flash, right, has a big effect compared with none, left

O or an extended zoom lens, brace yourself against somespeeds, ensure that the shutthing solid, such as a wall or a ter number never falls below



tree. Camera shake can ruin a photo if your shutter speed is too slow. Don't underestimate the effect that even the tiniest vibration can have on your photos. If your camera allows you to control shutter

For example, if you have fitted a 200mm lens, set the shutter speed dial to at least 1/200th (i.e. 1/250th on most cameras). With a 50mm lens don't drop below 1/50th.

7 Flash photography needn't be confined to indoors or nighttime. Use your flash outside, too, when notographing friends or family in sunny conditions. The extra burst of light reduces the harsh shadows caused by direct sunlight and will add an attractive glint to

There are many speeds of

of film available that are best suited to certain conditions. Use ISO 100 or 200 for normal or bright weather. Load ISO 400 on a dull day

taking photos indoors with flash. ISO 800 is good for catching the atmosphere in bright interiors so you may not need flash. Flash can "kill" the warm glow of a nicely lit room.

9 In six out of ten pictures of a group, there will almost certainly be someone with their eyes closed. You can't beat this statistic, but you can improve your chances of success by taking more than one shot. The same applies to any picture that is important or will be unrepeatable. Always take at least two.

10 Reread (or read for the first time) the camera's have facilities that are not immediately obvious. These may help to improve your creativity, or just increase your success rate.

The author is a technical writer for Photo Technique.

Choosing a camera at any price is difficult. Steve Fairclough develops his no-nonsense guide to the best from under £50

How you can zoom must say: "At any one time there are 500 cameras you could buy in British stores. Not a lot of in on a bargain

The single biggest cause of failed photographs is incorrectly loaded film. This

people know that." That figure is academic as the majority of us just want a nice reliable "runner", some-thing that will take a few good pictures without any trouble.

To cut a swath through the jungle, I have chosen a handful of the best cameras you can buy for under £500. Here are my recommendations:

Under £50: Minolta AF Big Finder (£40)

As you would expect for the price, this is a simple model. It offers the autofocus ability and has a large viewfinder. Film winding and rewind is automatic and this model will appeal as a family camera that

£50-£100: Ricoh AF-80 (£80) A retro-styled camera with controls around the lens at the front. It has an esoteric design. the choice of either automatic or manual control and a variety of preset shooting modes. In tests, it has proved to have a crisp lens. The builtin flash also activates automatically in low light.

Olympus MJU II (£100) Ask for a 'Mew' in shops -

that is the pronunciation for a range of Olympus compact almost "outIXUSed" that camcameras that has sold more era. It seatures a versatile than 10 million worldwide. built-in flash unit. This is a worthy addition with a superb lens and a wide

variety of flash modes. A special camera at a very good

If Tara Palmer-Tomkinson is the IT girl, this is the IT price. One of the compact camera. Though fairly old at two years, it still dangles off cameras that lives up to that the waists of supermodels and rock stars. Housed in a stain-Under £150: Canon IXUS L-1 less-steel body, it is a design classic. It is a triumph of looks Better in pure photographic terms than its IXUS sister model, the L-l benefits from a over substance: IXUS owners can be assured of catching the better lens that can work in

£250-£400: Minolta Vectis 300 lower light conditions. This is a sleek, pocket-sized wonder An imaginatively tailored APS zoom compact that has the double benefit of great that will make your friends

design with superb results. It Konica Revio has a 3x zoom lens, a very wide selection of flash modes A slimline, silver-bodied APS zoom compact that has a tough cover and easy-to-hand and the ever-present APS camera ability to shoot in one of three sizes of picture controls. It was designed in response to Canon's successful format (with a combination

single film).

Fuji DL Super Mini Zoom

A 35mm zoom compact that you can see James Bond slipping into his pocket. With a sleek silver body and a 28-56mm built-in zoom lens, it scores on lens quality and the facility to manually after most settings. A flexible compact that handles superbly.

The latest autofocus single lens reflex (SLR) is a "must see" model with a two-tone body and internal workings crammed with the essentials. Available in two kits - £330 with a standard zoom lens or E400 with a new 28-80mm silver-barrelled zoom lens.

Minolta Dynax 505si (£400)

Canon IX7 (£400) Probably the best consumer model in the UK's top-selling autofocus SLR range, this APS reflex camera delivers easy control, a dinky body and a huge lens back-up. It excels in the design department with easy-to-use controls and a lightweight feel. Due to icondriven control dials, the DX7 can be easily understood and, like many of its Canon cousins, it scores on both aesthetic and fundamental levels.

Money no object: Nikon F5 (from £1,599 body only) Today's top 35mm SLR is the beloved possession of many professional photographers who need the speed to ensure that they get every photo-graph. This camera can shoot five pictures every second and inside stores up to 30,000 preset shooting situations. To say the mind boggles is an understatement but if you have the money, this camera will make most of your photographic dreams come true. The author is the Editor of What



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Perfect image of your needs

THE first time that more than one camera or film manufacturer decided to launch a film advanced photo system (APS).

ation was APS: a simple cartridge design that contains a lot of clever technology. One of the most noticeable features is the ability to take pictures in three different format shapes: classic (which has the same aspect ratio as traditional 35mm films): HDTV (which has a 16:9 long side to short side ratio); and Panoramie, which gives a 2.5:1 letterbox shape similar to that in which big screen movies are projected. These are selected by a switch on the camera. The film is based along the same lines as traditional films and is developed in the same chemicals, but there the similarity ends.

The film has a magnetic coating which has data re-corded as the film is used. This includes format choice, the orientation of the cartridge (so that the film knows where the sun is in any outdoor pictures), whether flash was used, what format of picture the user wants and the date and time a picture was taken. The data is read by the processing machine and the pictures printed in the correct format (from 6x4in to 10x4in) and with all the lighting data taken into account to get the best print. Many cameras have a failsafe film door lock that ensures the camera cannot be opened before the film has been rewound, to prevent fogging.

THERE are many other possibilities, depending on the camera. These include the printing of appropriate titles (for example "Happy Birth-day" or "Happy Christmas") on the back of the print. Some cameras let you change films mid-roll, with the unexposed film on a roll being recorded so that, when you put a film back into the camera, it automatically winds to the first unexposed frame, preventing double exposures.

When you send your films for processing, you get them back in the same cartridge in which you sent them. With the film and your prints, you get an index print that shows a thumbnail-sized picture of all the images on the film on a single sheet of paper.

APS cameras in the zoom compact sector now account for 40 per cent of cameras sold



Of course, we're not simply the world's favourite camera maker. Professional sports photographers look to us to keep them up with the elite. In fact, we've been number 1 in SLRs for nearly a decade. Whilst at the other end of the scale, we're at the forefront in compact cameras. We've been so successful with the Advanced Photo System, our IXUS

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Archer to face Tory ethics inquiry

■ Conservative chiefs have decided to subject Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare to the first investigation by its powerful new ethics and integrity committee if he pursues his dream of becoming Mayor of London.

The devastating blow to the millionaire novelist's campaign has been dealt by his close friend Lord Parkinson, the party chairman, who has accepted that the former MP Sir Timothy Kitson's complaints about Lord Archer's colourful past cannotPages 1, 6 go unanswered...

Eritreans fight off border attack

■ Ethiopian forces launched an offensive to recapture the border town of Zalambessa, bombarding Eritrean trenches with a massive pre-dawn artillery barrage. But the Eritrean forces successfully counter-attacked......

Giant celebration

France kicked off the World Cup with a huge street party involving 65-ft plastic giants, a troop of chilly Cameroonian pygmies and as much hoopla as the state could Pages 1, 5

Doctors' success rate Patients are to get the right to find out the success rates of doctors who are to operate on them. Frank Dobson, the Health Secre-

tary, said ... £20,000 shackles

The prison service is to pay £20,000 damages to a former woman prisoner whose shackling while she was pregnant sparked a political controversy Page 1

City car fee

John Prescott has ordered officials to speed up the drafting of new laws allowing motorists to be charged for driving in city ...Page 2

The wife of a doctor who vanished eight months ago has given birth to his son. Last night she begged her missing husband: "Come home and see your new baby".....Page 3

Witnesses protected

Frightened victims of crime and vulnerable witnesses are to be shielded by screens when they give evidence in an attempt to stop defendants intimidating . Page 4

Woodward claim

The lawyer sacked by Louise Woodward claimed that the au pair's mother was a liar and a ..Page 7

Anaesthetist accused

A ten-year-old girl needing surgery on her front teeth, which had been broken in a playground fall, died after an anaesthetist failed to use important equipment, the General Medical Council was ...Page 8

Nigeria demand

The Commonwealth called for the release of all political prisoners in Nigeria and insisted that all parties should take part in the August elections Page 14

EU curbs needed

Tony Blair endorsed a Franco-German push for next week's European Union summit to pave the way for curbs on the EU's centralised powers Page 15

Baby for missing man Tax fraud arrest

The head of Russia's central statistical committee has been arrested on suspicion of organising a huge fraud to help several big companies to avoid paying taxes.

Basic training

William Cohen, the US Defence Secretary, caused a storm of protest after he endorsed mixed sex training in the armed forces over the strong objections of Congress.

D. H. Lawrence may be brought home

■ D.H. Lawrence may soon be repatriated. The writer died in 1930 in the South of France but, since 1935, his cremated remains have lain in a concrete block in a shrine in Taos, New Mexico. A move to bring him home to Nottingham has been prompted by dismay in this country that the shrine is crumbling



Eritrean artillerymen watching for Ethiopian bombers coming in to attack their capital of Asmara yesterday. Page 1

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Rugby union: Clive Woodward, the England coach, put blame on himself for England's thrashing by Australia in the opening match of their tour

Racing: A devastating critique of the British Horseracing Board's financial plan will present Peter Savill with his first significant challenge as the board's chairman... . Page 43

Reel life: Film documentaries are popular and profitable in the United States but here in Britain it looks as if the poor old documentary is in danger of being totally forgotten

Playing with time: Jules Verne's short story about time has now been turned into an opera by Gavin Bryars and Blake Morrison. Doctor Ox's Experiment will be unveiled at the Coliseum Page 39 Brassy drama: Paul Allen's fine adaptation of Mark Herman's film Brassed Off arrives at the National

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■ FILMS Robert Duvall in The Apostle, which he wrote, directed and produced

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whole crisis of leadership in Africa. Africans pay too little attention to the calibre of those who must lead them. Leaders are not gods nor are they headmen whose authority cannot be challenged. Africans must simply learn to accept that their leaders are human beings with the same human failings that they know about from their own

invention: Forget little green men. the modern world was partly invented by the authors of our most popular literary form......Page 19 Star letter: A passionate letter revealing her sex life has made a star of the woman tipped to be Finland's next president..

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Britain already has more flexible labour, product and financial mar-

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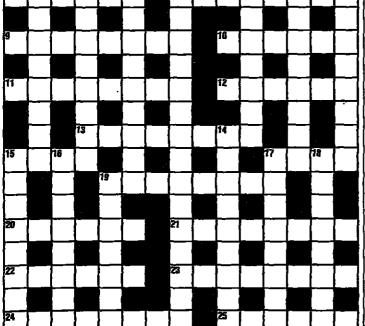
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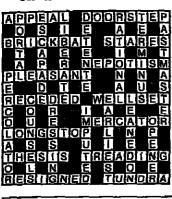
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- 10 Tragedy less hard to take in Verdi's version (6). 11 Holmes had one - Dr. Watson.
- 12 At a cost of about a pound in old полеу (б). 13 Extremely bad light may (8). 15 Mother Nature's opening blast
- = 17 Work hard to produce painting on time (4). 19 Deep split produced by clergyman and stupid person in church
 - 20 Runs into loss, leading to poverty 21 Attempt to impress with style and taste (4-4).

Solution to Puzzle No 20813



- 22 Lacking power, like Napoleon 23 Lots of information, at short
- notice, returned to side (4.4). 24 Reasonable behaviour drawing mild praise from critic (4,4). 25 Gray's rhymes produced in the best period (6).
- 2 Boy's on song, forming simple collections (8). 3 Religious type taking out some slut he randomly selected (8).
- "Deo Gratias" shows up in Yanks having it, possibly (12.3). 6 Join stout friend in disastrous way (7). 7 American's mood, going to a party in this state (8). 8 Article in sort of old iron that's

Actor in theatre turned up late (9).

14 International attempt to produce inflammatory strike? (4,5). 15 Duck initially and then trump? On your head be it! (8).

totally lifeless (8).

- 16 A hat with a rim specially designed for intriguing danseuse 17 Bear with primarily bloody obnoxious youth such as this?
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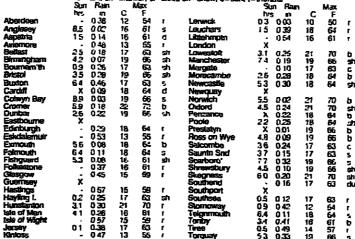
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Suitors set to do £2bn battle for Thistle

A £2 BILLION bid battle is at Dresdner Kleinwort Benin prospect after Thistle Hotels, the UK's second-biggest hotelier, yesterday revealed it had received a number of approaches. Shares in Thistle jumped 37p to an alltime high of 2375 p.

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The identity of the bidders has not beeen revealed, al-though Starwood Hotels & Resorts, the US real estate investment trust (Reit), is thought to be among the four or five interested parties. Thistle's announcement.

which comes in the wake of Stakis's rumoured approach to Vaux, sparked a flurry of buying in other hotel stocks. Ladbroke, which is believed to be hatching a deal with Hilton Hotels Corporation (HHC), gained 194 p to 355p, while Stakis added 5p to 138p. The Thistle board said it had

received approaches from third parties which may or may not lead to an offer for the company". It declined to elaborate, although the appointment of Greenhill & Co, a US firm, as its financial adviser could be elling. A key figure in Greenhill's London office is Simon Borrows, formerly head of corporate finance of ING Barings, who advised Savoy Group on its recent sale to

Sarah Ellis, leisure analyst reach between £1.8 billion and

RETAIL CORRESPONDENT

TOM VYNER, who retired

from J Sainsbury at the begin-

ning of this year, picked up

nearly El million from the

company in 1997 even though

he no longer ran the chain of

Mr Vyner handed over dav-

to-day running of the business

to Dino Adriano, now group chief executive, in March last

supermarkets.

son, the broker, said: "It is

significant that Thistle is being advised by a firm of US advisers. It would definitely suggest a US investor as the most likely buyer." Recent statements by

Starwood, owner of the Sheraton and Westin chains, would appear to support the theory that the Ren is the favourite to snap up Thistle. It recently declared its intention to more than double its number of rooms in London to more than 3,000, and buying Thistle, London's biggest hotelier.

US buyers move in...

would be an obvious way of achieving that. But a host of other US

investors are scouring Europe for possible acquisitions, including Strategic Hotel Capital incorporated, which recently forged an alliance with Stakis. Other observers said interest from securities houses such as Nomura International and Nikko could not be ruled out.

Before yesterday's share rise Thistle carried a value of around £1.5 billion, but if more than one serious bidder US Hilton hotels, allowing emerges the price could easily

Retiring Vyner gets £1m

expected. He was made depu-

For the nine months up to

retirement, he was paid a

basic salary of £475,000, plus

an long-term incentive scheme

bonus of £333,000. With profit

sharing and benefits worth

£24,000 his total pay was

£527,000 a year earlier. He

also received £139,000 on op-

tions exercised during the year

compared with

ty chairman.

£832,000.

£2 billion. Any deal will depend on the agreement of its biggest shareholder, Brierley Investments of New Zealand, which floated the company in 1996 and retains 46 per cent. But the poor performance of the investment in Thistle, which has only recently bro-ken through Brierley's breakeven price of 200p a share, is

expected to ensure an enthusi-

astic response to any offers. In September shares in Thistle dipped to 121p, compared with a flotation price of 170p, and in November Robert Peel was forced to resign after 20 years as chief executive. His replacement, lan Burke, recently instigated plans to sell off 30 of the smaller hotels worth around £100 million. The group currently has 91 hotels, with just under 13,000 rooms, of which almost 6,500

are in London. The Thistle approaches are the latest to hit the hotel sector following the Savoy sale and approaches to Cliveden and Vaux. The latter is thought to be discussing a £500 millionplus deal with Stakis, which would then offload the group's pub and brewing operations.

Meanwhile, Ladbroke is thought to be discussing an \$8 billion acquisition of HHC's to reunify the Hilton brand

119.622 options. A company

spokesman said he had no

Last year Mr Adriano earned £728,000, up from

£309,000. Lord Sainsbury of

Turville, the outgoing chair-

man, was paid £471,000, up



Sir Bernard, pictured with daughter Jane, wants to concentrate on other business interests

Sir Bernard Ashley quits

By Sarah Cunningham RETAIL CORRESPONDENT

explanation for why Mr SIR BERNARD ASHLEY, co-founder and Vyner's pay was increased so former chairman of Laura Ashley, quit the board yesterday, ending a 45-year career at the company. He is retaining his 21 per cent stake in the business and his son Nicholas, a former design director, takes his place as a non-

Sir Bernard, 71, took control of the clothing and furnishings manufacturer and retailer and saw it through its flotation after his wife's fatal Commentary, page 29 accident in 1985. He has since overseen five

changes of chief executive. Sir Bernard's share in the company was heavily diluted when MUI, a Malaysian conglomerate, bailed it out of financial trouble earlier this year. The family stake is now worth £28 million against about £175 million three years ago.

John Thornton, the current chairman, said Sir Bernard told him of his intention to leave some weeks ago. The rest of the board was told esterday morning, and shareholders were informed later at the annual meeting. Mr Thornton said that Sir Bernard wishes to concentrate on his other activities, such as his hotel business.

Industry output shows a fall over

last year By Alasdair Murray **ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT**

MANUFACTURERS are in danger of slipping further into recession, raising fresh doubts over the Bank of England's decision to raise interest rates last week.

New data published yester-day showed that manufacturing output rose by just 0.1 per cent between March and April but was 0.2 per cent lower than in the same month last year - the first annual drop in output for nearly two years.

The figures, which closely follow weaker than expected retail sales statistics, prompted City analysts, who were largely opposed to the quarterpoint rate rise, to question further the logic of the Bank's decision last Thursday.

Economists said the figures confirmed that manufacturing is in recession and predicted that figures in the next few months could be worse. The survey evidence points to an even sharper slowdown in output and rising job losses in the sector, they said.
The City believes, however,

that the new data will have little impact on the interest rate debate as the Bank remains chiefly concerned with the service sector and earnings growth.

There was speculation the Bank voted unaminously in favour of a rate rise, ending several months of division. Adam Cole, UK economist at HSBC markets, said: "Those MPC members for a rate rise last week are unlikely to question the wisdom of that decision and the first cut in

rates remains a long way off." Overall industrial production climbed by 1.0 per cent between March and April leaving the annual rate of increase at 1.2 per cent. The Office for National Statistics said the unexpected increase was after a jump in utilities output following cold weather. The pound made further

gains after weak German industrial production figures ended fears of a rate rise. Sterling climbed I pfennig to close at DM2.9113.

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Arbib sells off £11m shares

MARTYN ARBIB, founder and chairman of Perpetual, the Henley-based fund management company, sold 250,000 shares yesterday for a total of more than £11 million (Caroline Merrell writes).

The sale still leaves him holding more than 18 per cent of the shares in the company. Perpetual shares have more than doubled in value since the beginning of the year, pushed up by bid speculation. Goldman Sachs, the US investment bank, was mooted as a possible buyer.

Last year, Mr Arbib sold 600,000 shares, which made him only £16 million. The money was believed to be for refurbishments to his Barbados home. He recently bought another house on the Thames at Henley.

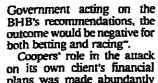
Coopers saddled with a loser

By Jason Nisse

COOPERS & LYBRAND was yesterday forced into a grovelling apology to the British Horseracing Board, which has threatened to sack the accountancy firm as its auditor after Coopers penned a report critical of the BHB's financial plans for racing. The report, published yes-

terday, was commissioned by the Betting Office Licencees Association (Bola), an organis-ation representing bookmakers, which is concerned that the BHB's scheme to raise an extra £105 million a year to support racing will hit bookies' profits. The study concluded that

the solutions offered were impracticable and would not achieve their objectives, and that in the unlikely event of the



plans was made abundantly clear by Bola, which said yesterday: The views contained in the report are entirely those of Coopers & Lybrand and have not been influenced by Bola in any way."

Tom Kelly, general secre-tary of Bola, added Coopers had been hired to produce the report because it was a reputable firm. "We were not even aware that Coopers were auditors of the BHB.

However, Coopers' role in the Bola report was the main topic of debate at the annual general meeting of the BHB



which, by coincidence, also took place yesterday. Peter Savill, the newly pointed chairman of the BHB. deferred a vote on the reappointment of Coopers as auditors and is planning to replace them at next month's board meeting. A spokesman said: "They've got a lot of explaining to do."

Coopers was last night contrite, saying the report was written by its economics unit, which was not aware of the firm's role as auditors to BHB. We are extremely embarrassed about the situation." a spokeswoman said. "On this rare occasion procedures did break down, but there was no professional conflict of interest and we hope we will be retained by BHB."

However, BHB sources indicated that Coopers would have a tough task retaining the auditing role. "If I was a betting man - which I am - I would bet they will be replaced," said the source.

Springer close to Mirror bid

AXEL SPRINGER, Germa ny's largest newspaper group, is expected to make a formal bid approach to Mirror Group before the end of this month (Raymond Snoddy writes).

Gus Fischer, chairman of Springer, is believed to be pushing ahead with preparations and the money to finance a possible bid is already in place.

Mirror shares have al-

ready shot up in recent months from 180p to yesterday's closing price of 233 4p. The German group is now

assessing the impact of the departure of Kelvin Mac-Kenzie, the Mirror Group's deputy chief executive to mount a bid for Talk Radio. the commercial station. Talk bid, page 29

for salesforce behaviour By RICHARD MILES

LIVERPOOL VICTORIA, the UK's biggest friendly society, is facing a six-figure fine after an investigation by regulators uncovered a string of serious compliance breaches. The society is believed to

have begun talks with the Personal Investment Authority about the size of the fine, and when it should be publicised. The negotiations could drag on for 12 months. Charges levelled against

Liverpool Victoria include a failure to provide adequate training for its door-to-door salesforce, as well as a failure to control their behaviour in the field.

Liverpool Victoria admitted yesterday that it was "in dialogue" with the PIA about a

series of regulatory problems which came to light last autumn, but said it was too early to say what the result of those talks would be. A spokesman said: "We are far on in the process of

rectification of those issues. However, we are further back in what that might lead to in terms of disciplinary action. It would be speculative to anticipate the outcome of that process."

In October, Liverpool Victoria was forced to suspend its 270-strong sales staff when it became apparent that its

records of employee references and training were inadequate, and so unlikely to meet PIA standards. Further gaps in its compliance regime were discovered subsequently.

At the time, Roy Hurley, the chief executive, admitted that staff had been stretched almost to breaking point as it reorganised its 1,400 premium collection agents and relocated its head office to Bournemouth.

The friendly society manages in excess of £4 billion, largely on behalf of savers on low income.

The PIA said that it never commented on individual disciplinary cases.

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Complaints to PIA jump 50%

Complaints to the main investors' watchdog, the PIA Ombudsman, leapt by 50 per cent to almost 7,000 last year.

Anthony Holland, the principal ombudsman. said the rise reflected the growing demand for financial services and the increasing sophistication of consumers.

Mr Holland said a growing source of dispute was over permanent health insurance, particularly where insurers refused to disclose video evidence they had gathered before withholding payment of a claim. Mr Holland said video evidence had to be disclosed.

Kalon fears

Shares in Kalon, the UK decorative paints com-pany, fell 26 per cent as it issued a profits warning. saying bad weather during the past six weeks had hit sales in the UK and France. It said it was uncertain what effect the World Cup in France would have this month, which is normally one of the biggest for sales. The shares fell from 184'2p to 146 p. Kalon is 66 per cent owned by Total of France. whose shares also fell. Tempus, page 30

Readicut plan

Readicut. the textiles group, wants to sell Whit-ley Willows, its rugs business, and is reviewing Plasticisers Engineering. its fibres machinery business. Readicut losses before tax were £28.4 million for the year to March 31 (£10 million profit), on sales of £258 million (£285 million). The total dividend is held at 2.58p a 1.95p final. Adjusted earnings stay at 3.28p.

Gazprom plea

Gazprom urged the Russian Government yesterday to consider a sale of part of its holding in the gas company to one of its strategic partners. Shell or ENI, the Italian energy company, to raise \$1 billion for the cashstrapped public finances.



Fair shares: workers in the City tuck in to cakes at the launch of the Stock Exchange's Share Aware campaign

Generators prevent cheaper bills

Government lambasted for absence of an energy policy

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Government yesterday came under fire from a crossparty committee of MPs for failing to establish an energy policy.

Criticism from the Trade and Industry Select Committee came after the Government's handling of last year's crisis in the coal industry and the subsequent energy review.

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CORRESPONDENT

ELECTRICITY customers are

not getting power as cheaply

as they might have expected

because of a jump in charges

creased 20 per cent in the year to April and have eroded bill

Generating costs have in-

from the generators.

The committee's own review into energy said: "It may be thought surprising that the Government should, after a year and more in office, still be without an energy policy: and that it should have been in office for six months before the absence of such a policy was noted and acted upon."

The report said the Government could not escape criti-cism for its lack of action "especially in view of the

reductions for domestic and

business customers, according

to a report on international

electricity prices. The report, by

National Utility Services, said

the figures poured doubt on the

effectiveness of competition

and non-regulation in genera-

tion to deliver price reductions.

National Utility Services, said:

Andrew Johns, director of

uncertainty created in the coal industry and the offshore oil and gas industry".

Martin O'Neill, Labour

chairman of the committee, said that the Government had acted after it had become clear that talks between RJB, the biggest coal producer, and the generators were not going well but to some extent they have been chasing the game".

David Prior, a Conservative member of the committee,

ed element of the electricity

industry - generation - is not

delivering the savings that

Mr Johns said the market-

place for electricity, which

enables three generators to set

the price of power most of the

time, needs to be reconsidered.

Electricity prices in the UK

were predicted.

said the involvement of Geoffrey Robinson, the Paymaster General, in striking a deal to secure a market for coal, had only caused confusion.

The committee also called on the Government to lift its moratorium on new gas-fired power stations that was imposed last December to throw a lifeline to coal. While the MPs said that deep-mined coal in the UK should be safeguarded to ensure energy

formula for distribution by the

The UK remains the seventh-

most-expensive country for

electricity out of 16 countries examined by National Utility

Services, Italy was the most

expensive and Australia the

regional electricity companies.

generation to grow. The committee further attacked the Government for lacking leadership in energy technology development and export strategy. Nuclear power was pushed

City's taste

for shares

campaign

BY GAVIN LUMSDEN

THE London Stock Exchange

doled out free cup cakes to

hungry stockbrokers vester-day at the launch of its "Share

The feeding frenzy was supposed to reflect the excite-

ment and reward of being a

shareholder in Hot Cakes plc.

The Exchange stockbro-

kers and the nine companies

featured in the campaign are

putting up £1 million this year

to tell the public how to "get

vour share of Great British

The slogan will hit posters

on 200 main line stations this

month and will be the basis of

widespread newspaper

However, there are no plans to advertise on TV.

despite the success of Nasdaq.

the rival US exchange, which

is currently raising its profile

with a multimillion-pound campaign. There will, how-

ever, be a new internet service

the moratorium was "a blunt

instrument". He denied there

was a contradiction between

trying to preserve coal but

simultaneously allowing gas

Aware" campaign.

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back on to the agenda by the report. It said that, in order to balance environmental and energy requirements, "new nuclear plant may be required in the next two decades". The MPs acknowledged, however. that a new nuclear initiative would require a big shift in public opinion.

John Redwood, Shadow President of the Board of Trade, said: "The committee is right to state the Government for its failure to deliver an energy policy, for its failure to open up energy markets, and for its sidelining of the DTI."

least expensive. Profits dry up as **Severn customers**

By Adam Jones

switch to meters

SHARES in Severn Trent fell yesterday as the water supplier, whose income has been squeezed by the growing popularity of household metering. announced a modest increase

in annual profits. In the year to March 31. Severn, which is based in Birmingham, made pre-tax profits of £374 million (£366.5 million). The shares fell 55p to

Vic Cocker, chief executive, said about 50,000 households a year are introducing water meters, cutting profits by £6 million. About 14 per cent of domestic customers are now metered and the take-up rate shows no signs of falling. Water-saving measures adopted by industry wiped another

£10 million from profits. Mr Cocker said Severn is expecting further news shortly about the privatisation of water services in Berlin. It wants the operating contract and may team up with a partner to take a stake in Berlinerwasser.

the local supplier. Severn spent £516 million on capital investment in the year and it said profits were also tomer relate scheme, running

over five years. Severn missed its 20 per cent profits growth target in non-regulated activities, managing only 11.5 per cent.

Earnings per share, hit by a £310 million windfall tax payment, were 4.3p, down from 87.2p. A second interim dividend of 3.84p and a final 24,37p makes a total of 39.76p (36.5p). Payment will be delayed until April 6, 1999, because of the abolition of ACT and an additional interest payment of 1.36p



BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Card Clear directors resign over payment

BRIAN RAVEN, chief executive, and Oliver Cooke, finance director, vesterday resigned with immediate effect from Card Clear, the AIM-listed credit card and fraud prevention company. Card Clear said their departure "relates to the misrepresentation by them to the board and its advisers as to the nature of a payment". The company refused to elaborate on the payment but Card Clear said the amount was not material and was not intended to provide either with

Card Clear shares fell 15p to 62½p. Neither director will receive compensation although Mr Cooke will retain one million of 2.6 million share options and Mr Raven will keep 500,000 of 3.0 million share options with an exercise price of 41p. Mr Raven also has 958,000 founders' options exercisable at 12/2 p. Nigel Whittaker, at present non-executive chairman, becomes executive chairman. The company believes trading will continue in line with the board's expectations.

Servomex shares dip 65p

SHARES in Servomex, the industrial instrumentation group, fell 65p to 247-2p yesterday after a downturn in secondquarter orders prompted a profits warning. The bad news comes hard on the heels of signs of recovery, with a 13.5 per cent rise in orders reported for the year to March 31. The board is confident full-year pre-tax profits will come in ahead of the previous year's profits of £3.32 million before non-

Europe revamp for Field

KEITH GILCHRIST, chief executive of Field, the paper KEITH GILCHRIST, chief executive of Field, the paper and packaging group, is to streamline the company's two French businesses into one that will supply the whole of southern Europe. Field raised pre-tax profits by 12.4 per cent to £24.1 million in the year to April 4 on sales up 12.5 per cent to £245 million. Earnings rose 11.3 per cent to 30.5p and the full-year dividend goes up from 9.4p to 10.4p after payment of a 7p final.

Motor dealer speeds up

EUROPEAN Motor Holdings, the BMW, Mercedes and Jaguar dealer, raised pre-tax profits 17 per cent to £10.2 million in the year to March 31, on sales up 21 per cent to £470.4 million. Earnings rose 18 per cent to 13.2p. The total dividend rises 9 per cent to 6.1p. A final dividend of 3.5p is proposed. Richard Palmer, chief executive, said: "Our order book and the current sales of new vehicles continue to give us optimism for the year ahead." The sale of non-core business is expected to continue.

Portland attacks tax rise

GREAT Portland Estates yesterday reported that the tripling of stamp duty since May 1997 had effectively devalued the company's portfolio by £30 million, or 8p per share. In the 12 months to March 31 rents jumped more than 10 per cent to E108 million, although pre-tax profits slipped 3 per cent to E44.7 million. Great Portland said it would pay an unchanged final dividend of 6.1p on July 17. This takes the total dividend to 9p, again unchanged. Commentary, page 29

Pound takes toll on BTP

BTP, the chemicals group, raised pre-tax profits 10 per cent to £53.2 million on sales up 8 per cent to £439 million in the year to March 31. John Ketteley, the chairman, said that profits would have grown by 30 per cent had it not been for the Asian economic crisis and the strong pound. Total dividend rises from 11.75p to 12.22p after payment of a 8.02p final. Earnings rose 10 per cent to 22.26p and the shares rose 11p to 540p. The group said a good start had been made to the current year.

Firth Rixson rises 66%

FIRTH RIXSON, the engineering group, said steady progress and growth is continuing, despite the effects of the strong pound and the economic crisis in Asia. The company, which has nearly half its business interests in the aerospace industry, reported a 66 per cent rise in half-year underlying pre-tax profits to £10.8 million from £6.5 million. Adjusted earnings rose to 5.1p a share from 3.4p. The interim dividend is lifted to 1p a share from 0.8p. The shares rose 13p to 180p.

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Sterling slows Cropper

JAMES CROPPER, the paper and packaging group, suffered a fall in pre-tax profits from 15 million to 12.4 million for the year to March 28 on sales down from £59.3 million to £54.7 million. The company said that the strong pound had hit its export margins and had made the British market more attractive to imports from the Continent. Earnings fell from 36.2p to 18.1p out of which it is intended to pay a total dividend of 5p after a payment of a 3.6p final.

Anglian builds up

ANGLIAN, the building materials group, raised pre-tax profits from E20.2 million to E24 million in the year to March 28 on sales up from E226 million to E238 million. Earnings rose from 15.5p to 18.6p and the total dividend goes up from 9p to 10p after payment of a 6p final. Eddie Boss, the chief executive, said: "What we want to do is do a thorough search. look at all options over the next 12 months or so and hopefully find a good acquisition that is earnings enhancing.

Langston deal struck

MOLINS has reached a conditional agreement for the £30.5 million sale of Langston, its corrugated board machinery business, to Langston Acquisition Corp. a portfolio company of BancBoston Capital, the private equity division of BankBoston Corp. Molins shares remained unchanged at 250p. For the year ended December 31, 1997, Langston reported sales of £67.5 million and pre-tax profits of £700,000. Net assets were £22.6 million. Net assets were £22.6 million.

Wessex Water plans share buyback and acquisitions

By Adam Jones

payment and share buyback.

WESSEX WATER is to spend up to £450 million on acquisi-tions or a return of capital to

Nick Hood, the chairman, said yesterday that the water supply and waste management group would be using its "strong" balance sheet to increase unregulated earnings and "maximise the return to shareholders".

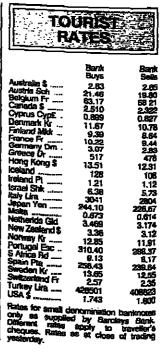
He was announcing a 4 per cent fall in profits last year, which occurred despite a 5 per cent rise in sales to £266 million. Profits before tax fell from £145 million to £139

million in the year to March 31 after interest charges were swelled by a windfall tax

Fully diluted earnings per share were 3.9p, down from 43.5p, after Wessex swallowed the £99 million windfall charge, which was worth 46.lp per share. A final dividend of 14.1p per share will be paid on September I, making a total of 20.6p for the year (18p). The shares fell 412p to 479 ap yesterday, against a 12-

month high of 5482p. Wessex said it remained committed to the development of UK Waste, its waste management business. UK Waste is a joint venture with Waste Management International, whose American parent is currently undergoing significant changes in its management and corporate strategy.

Wessex, which like other water and sewerage firms. faces a new pricing regime from 2000, said research showed its customers wanted most efficiency savings to be used for further environmental improvements rather than price reductions.



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The real victims of Prescott's tax

A ould it be that the Government has belatedly realised just how much the British, and that means the electorate, love their cars? John Prescritt's planned Prescott's planned attack on motorists, carnoullaged as the transport White Paper, will not now appear until July. The indications are that what emerges then will have been softened from the Deputy Prime Minister's original vision, which would have condemned those without benefit of ministerial

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transport or penury.
Pugnacious Prescott has not entirely given up, however, and he seems intent on penalising those retailers who lure shoppers into cars by moving out of town. The stores have been lobbying hard against the prospect of a tax on parking spaces but this is what is planned. This week Prescott has admitted his determination to penalise out-of-town supermarkets for offering shoppers what they want but it would be invidious for such a tax, if it were to receive the backing of Parliament, not to be extended to

Jaguar to the vagaries of public

all such out-of-town retailers. The tax might fund a few park and ride schemes which no one wants to use but it will not persuade people to change their shopping habits. Retailers and shopping centres will either charge their customers for park-ing or, more likely in the case of the supermarkets, pass on the tax in the form of higher prices — in

which case the bill will fall as heavily on the pensioner who arrives by bus as on the executive whose company motor comes all

expenses paid. The property market appears entirely dismissive of Prescott's plans. Out of town stores, still disparagingly labelled as retail warehouses, are rapidly appre-ciating in value. Yesterday Great Portland Estates reported that the value of this element of its portfolio had risen by 18 per cent over the last year. Enthusiasm for the ware-

houses is driven in part by scarcity value: town planners had taken exception to the move of commerce out of town long before John Prescott came to power. They have virtually ruled out any more major out-of-town shopping centres, in so doing working wonders for the asset values of companies such as Chelsfield and Capital Shopping Centres. Blue Water Park, currently taking shape in Kent, may be the last of the massive centres to be built in Britain: the prospect of a tax on the parking spaces which are essential to the project was not factored into the original costs but would not have de-

terred the developers. The shopping centre operators

COMMENTARY by our City Editor

will resent another retrospective tax but, quietly, are sanguine about the implications. One operator has apparently declared that, if he had to pass on a parking charge to customers it could have a positive aspect, deterring those motorists who drive to the centre merely to browse and not to buy. Amazingly, this strange breed can account for almost a quarter of the vehicles competing for those sought after parking spaces.

MacKenzie can still Talk a good game

irror Group shares slipped back a mere halfpenny as the market digested the news that Kelvin MacKenzie is leaving. That is to underestimate his value. It is not surprising that chief executive David Montgomery should proclaim that the departure "will not affect the value of the group one iota", but that does rather beg the question of why Mirror Group had deemed it worthwhile to install the colourful Mr MacKenzie as deputy chief executive.

In fact, having assumed his new role only in February, MacKenzie was already making a discernible impact on the business and, in particular, on its eponymous daily paper, where the downward trend in circulation has been reversed. Behind Montgomery's dismissive facade, the company is conceding that it may have to hunt for a replacement immediately, even though the shadow of Axel Springer and an impending bid hangs over it. MacKenzie, it should be remembered, quipped that a bid from Jerry Springer would be more likely but to imagine that he made the comment unaware of Springer's intentions would be another under-

estimation of the man. The prospect of a bid was not what drove him out of Mirror, but the opportunity he spotted in Talk

Yates Bros

to create

1,000 jobs

YATES BROTHERS Wine

Lodges is to treble its number of branches over

the next five years to 200 in

an expansion plan creating more than 1,000 full- and

part-time jobs (Sarah

from its northwest strong-

Conningham writes).

Radio was. And he must have been pretty confident that his bid for Talk will be acceptable, for he is too canny to have walked out of Mirror without some degree of certainty that his new career was safe. Quite how the brains that dreamed up News Bunny and topless darts will translate to radio is an interesting subject for speculation. News International, owner of The Times, is so confident enough in his ability to come up with more bright ideas

Apax, the venture capital house putting together the bid for Talk, is clearly not frightened at the prospect of MacKenzie as a businessman rather than just a creator of whacky ideas. It has already recognised the commercial talents of the red-haired, hellraising Chris Evans and backed his move to control Virgin Radio. The firm realised that the wild image that went with the front of

that it is backing him by taking a 20 per cent stake in the new

house role as television presenter and disc jockey was carefully

Mackenzie may not find the transition to running his own company an easy one but there will be plenty prepared to allow him the occasional step away from the conventional approach. Ideas are what carries the premium and

MPC members need to get out more

he Bank of England's decision to raise interest rates last week looks even more ludicrous after the latest batch of statistics. These confirm what was all to clear to those who wanted to see manufacturing is in recession and consumer spending is slowing down. The only uncertainties which should have been troubling the Monetary Policy Committee as its learned economist members pon-dered whether to use their single sledge hammer power was just how badly the Far Eastern crisis might yet impact. It is still too early for us to

judge how deep the trouble in Japan will permeate but it certainly will take its toll both in the United States and the UK. The sensible position for the MPC to adopt would have been to watch and wait rather than lay the ground for a soft landing to become unnecessarily bumpy.

It might be advisable for the

economists to take a lesson from George Bain and the way he conducted his research before arriving at a suggested level for the minimum wage. He took his committee around the country and talked to real people. The result was to recommend a minimum wage at a realistic level. The members of the Monetary Policy Committee have plenty of time for expeditions. They debate for only two half days each month before deciding on the level of interest rates. If they ventured away from the South East, they might learn that the economy is cooling fast and, in some quarters, never progressed much beyond tepid.

Half-baked idea

THE people in the tower may have finally realised that Nasdaq has been running a successful advertising campaign in the UK but its belated response did nothing for the image of London's Stock Exchange. Buying shares is about long-term investment yet the new campaign implies a very different message with its play on the hackneyed phrase selling like hot cakes". Watch out for burned

Express stabilises after publication of results

By ROBERT COLE, CITY CORRESPONDENT

SHARES in Express Dairies, the milk company that was demerged from Northern Foods in March, stabilised yesterday on publication of the last set of

annual results for the combined operation. At the close, Express was trading at 1812p, 12p firmer on the day. Since flotation, when the shares were listed at 142p, they have bounced up to 188p before sinking back to 150p in mid-April.

Combined Northern and Express pre-tax profits edged forward to £130 million from £128.3 million in the 12 months to 31 March. However, one-off costs associated with the demerger depressed the figures. Ignoring exceptional items, pre-tax finance director, said the profits were 19.3 per cent up at E151.6 million.

Most attention yesterday was directed at figures relating to Northern Foods, the Marks & Spencer foods supplier, and Express Dairies as

separate entities. Express achieved 40 per cent growth in operating profits to earn £62.5 million. However, the company said the rise was exaggerated by comparisons with a poor previous year, when a decline in the price of milk bought in bulk and the sharp rise in the value of the pound depressed

The profit margin widened from 5.5 per cent to 8.3 per cent at Express. Paul Whitfield. return on sales had returned to a more normal level and even admitted that the rate last year was slightly above what could be expected in future.

Operating profits for those businesses remaining under the Northern Foods umbrella rose 8 per cent to £104 million. It said the trading environment was difficult in the face of stiff price competition among retailers but it was confident of making further progress. Christo-pher Haskins, chairman, said the company would advance thanks to its commitment to efficiency en-

55p to close at 2305p. hancing capital investment. Northern, which controls

the Eden Vale and Fox's biscuit brands, spent £100 million on new equipment last year, which was about twice its depreciation charge. It is on course to spend a similar amount this year.

Northern also expects to be helped by the integration of Cavaghan & Gray, a food processor based in Carlisle, acquired in March.

Shareholders in Express and Northern are to receive dividends equivalent to 10.4p per share pre-demerger, a 10.6 per cent improvement on the previous year. The final payment is 6.40. Shares in Northern slipped

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14.3p.

The company is paying a final dividend of 2.3p, up from 1.92p, on September 2. giving a total for the year of 3.45p, from 2.88p last time.

CSG bids \$250m for Corestaff

BY MATTHEW BARBOUR

IN THE latest of a string of foreign purchases Corporate Services Group (CSG), the contract labour and training services supplier, has bid \$250 million (£154.3 million) for Corestaff, one of America's

The company, which was founded in Oldham in 1884, is rolling its Yates's Wine largest staffing organisations. The group, which last year Lodge format into the South, Scotland and Wales purchased Regie Inter Finance, a French temporary employment agency, is funding the acquisition from the proceeds of a £130.1 million share plac-Pre-tax profit in the year to March 29 rose 30 per cent to £13.6 million on turnover ing, an open offer at 227p a share and a £60 million issue of

that was up 29 per cent to seven-year convertible notes. £97.8 million. Earnings per The new bid comes as a share rose to 18.8p from surprise to many within the group who, after an announcement by executive chairman Jeffrey Fowler earlier this year, had regarded European expansion as a pri-

ority to capture business op-

portunities thrown up by the

At present CSG has 348 offices and currently operates in the UK, France and Spain. Corestaff, which has 105 branches and more than 60 on-site operations, serves the light industrial, technical. electronic and support services sectors.

In 1997 Corestaff, a subsidiary of Metamor Worldwide. made operating profits of more than \$28 million on revenues of \$478 million. Mr Fowler said that the deal, which needs shareholder

approval, would give CSG a commanding position in the international employment logistics market. CSG shares rose 23p to 26lp. Following completion, we will have access to more than

75 per cent of this sector's

world market," he said.

Microsoft in financial services plan

MICROSOFT aims to dominate the Internet marketplace for financial services in the UK with the launch of an initiative later this year (Patrick Collinson writes).

In a deal to be announced today, Microsoft is linking with The Exchange, a quotes and transactions system set up by the UK's large insurers, to launch a free financial Internet service modelled on the highly successful Microsoft Investor site in the US.

The Exchange already dominates information and quotes on financial products ranging from term insurance to pensions, but until now has been the preserve of the UK's 20,000 independent financial advisers.

Vardy launches £36m bid for Trust Motors

REG VARDY has emerged as the bidder for Trust Motors Group, consolidating its position as one of Britain's big-

gest motor dealers. Vardy, which under its chairman Peter Vardy has expanded from its heartland in the North East into Scotland, the Midlands and the South East, yesterday launched a £36 million agreed bid for Trust.

The offer is worth 240p a share, a premium of 34.8 per cent over the closing price of 178p on May 13 when the bid approach was made public. In February the shares traded at 13912p ahead of a takeover approach by Trust's management, subsequently aborted in the face of a higher offer. Trust shares rose 25p to 232p.

Trust, formerly known as Barr & Wallace Arnold Trust. sold its coach holiday business, last August for £41.8 million. Shareholders received 120p a share dividend from the proceeds of the sale.

Trust operates three Vauxhall dealerships in Leeds, Garforth and Nottingham. It also operates the Strathclyde region in central Scotland for Ford, with dealerships in Motherwell, Hamilton, Coatbridge and Dumfries, and operates a main dealership in Glasgow. It has a Peugeot dealership in Huddersfield. In 1997 Trust earned an

operating profit of £2.6 mil-

lion on continuing operation, with turnover of £184.6 mil-

lion. Net assets were £33.7

million at the year-end.



Reg Vardy reported a rise in pre-tax profits yesterday to £19.5 million from £17.09 million for the year to the end of

April. Earnings rose to 24p a share from 21.7p. A final

dividend of 5.45p a share lifts

the total to 8.25p a share from 7.5p. The company sold more than 100.000 vehicles in a year, an increase of 20 per cent over the previous year. It plans to increase its dealerships to 60 from 51 this year.

| Jarvis sets sights on European expansion By Sarah Cunningham

JARVIS HOTELS is eyeing a move into continental Europe and could spend up to £100 million cash on investments

there and in the UK. John Jarvis, chairman and chief executive, said: "We've always said that we're a UK hotel company. Now we're saying that we should explore the opportunities open to us in Europe. They would most likely be in management contracts or limited equity stakes rather than major acquisitions."

He said the company has access to £100 million cash and could also raise money from shareholders, although no

such move is planned. The rapid consolidation in the European hotel industry. with Thistle yesterday becoming the latest company to announce that it has received approaches, is opening up opportunities such as purchasing regional hotels, Mr Jarvis said. He added that companies buying into Britain, most of which are American, are likely to be interested in London rather

than regional properties. The company reported pre-tax profit of £30 million in the year to March 28, up from a pro-forma £24.1 million a year ago. Turnover was 15.6 per cent higher at £136.6 million. Earnings per share rose from a proforma 12.8p to 16.7p and the final dividend of 3p gives a full-

to a record 1912 p. US buyers move in, page 31

News International joins Talk bid

By RAYMOND SNODDY MEDIA EDITOR

KELVIN MACKENZIE, who resigned on Monday as deputy chief executive of the Mirror Group to try to buy Talk Radio, is being backed by News International (See

Commentary, this page).

News International, owner of The Times, will be a 20 per cent shareholder in Mr MacKenzie's consortium - the maximum allowed under broadcasting legislation. The former editor of The Sun has also been in detailed talks with Media Ventures International, which owns 35 per cent of Talk Radio. MVI, which claims pre-emption rights if other shares in the broadcaster are sold, is expected to

join the MacKenzie consortium. Mr MacKenzie's consortium will face competition for the national commercial speech-based station.

The management team at Talk, led by Paul Robinson, the managing director. said yesterday it planned to mount a bid for the station and was close to completing financial support. The management, he said, had the support of radio industry players, a venture capital fund and debt finance was also in place.

Disney, Jacor, the US commercial radio group and Emap, the radio, magazine and exhibitions are among those who have shown interest.

CLT-Ufa, the Luxembourg-based media group controlled by Bertelsmann, has put its 62 per cent stake in Talk Radio on the market. Bids, likely to value the station at between £45 million and £50 million are due in next Monday.

Mr MacKenzie is being advised by the corporate finance arm of Apax Partners, the venture company which helped to put together the money that allowed Chris Evans to take over Virgin Radio.

How would you make money on your house without selling it?

(a) Open the gardens up to the public?

(b) Convert your garage into a theme park?

(c) Rent the box room to a South American fugitive?

(d) Re-mortgage with a Virgin One account?

Your home is usually the most valuable thing you possess, but if it goes up in value the only way you can get your hands on your profit is by selling it. With the

Virgin One account you can get hold of that money whenever you want by just writing a cheque. And however you spend the money, you pay the same competitive rate of

Interest as your mortgage. if you have, or are about to buy, a home with a mortgage of at least £50,000,

STOCK MARKET



White Paper delay puts brakes on transport sector

suffered a jolt yesterday as shares of Stagecoach, its largest member, plunged by 5 per cent - their sharpest one-day fall for over three years.

The Government's decision to delay its White Paper on transport until after the official spending review prompted fears that its budget for new bus lanes may be far less generous than expected.

This proved a good enough reason to take profits from the phenomenal run which all major transport companies have enjoyed since the winter. Shares of National Express fell 412 p to £10.74 and shares of Railtrack by 53p to E13.57 their sharpest drop since Feb-

back 7½ p to 786p. profit-taking The characterised a lacklustre day in London, where the FTSE 100 eased back towards the 6,000 mark, closing 18 points

ruary. Arriva was off 12p at

4072p and Ocean Group fell

down at 6019.8. Second-line shares provided most of the action, dominated by the bid approach for Thistie Hotels, up 37p at 2372p. This set the sector alight, and 14 of the 17 listed hotel companies achieved gains.

Jarvis Hotels added 1312 p to 1912p, helped by a sharp profits upturn. MacDonald Hotels gained 11p to 241 p and Cliveden 3p to 942 p.

Ladbroke, which generates 65 per cent of its profits from hotels, was the best performer in the FTSE 100, adding 194p to 355p. Analysts expect it to eash in on betting on the World Cup.

CGU, the insurer, gained 41p at Ell.68 on talk that it may be planning a merger with an Italian suitor. Fingers were immediately pointed at Credito Italio, in which CGU has a substanial stake.

There was an interesting, if improbable tale that Ikea, the Swedish furniture group that owns Habitat, is eyeing MFI Furniture - one of the few furniture retailers not to be languishing at 12-month lows. lts shares had rebounded from 7612 p but eased another penny at 82p yesterday.

Some high-powered institutions have been dabbling in shares of Thorn, up 12p at Radio Rentals chain may be

Barciays Global Investors, the world's largest institutioninvestor, picked



Mark Adams, left, finance director, and Keith Gilchrist saw Field slide on profit-taking after fulfilling expectations

£248,000 of shares at 2042 p apiece. PDFM, its largest shareholder, has also tidied up its 18 per cent holding.

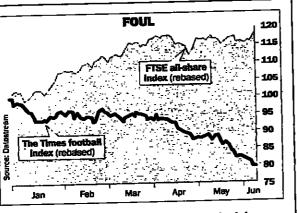
Shares of Field Group. where Keith Gilchrist is chief executive, slid 92p to 3762p on profit taking after it returned expected profits of

Shares of Fibernet, the fibre-optic cable company, have

been under strong demand of late and added 22p to 3922p

Word is that the company has done phenomenal business in the past two months, and that six of its salesmen have brought in business of £10 million each.

Now that its cable network has been largely laid down. extra revenue is expected to be



CITY analysts may be glued to their screens for foday's Scotland v Brazil match, but none of this enthusiasm has spilled over to the disaster-struck football stocks.

Collectively, the shares are greeting the start of the tournament at lows not seen since August 1996.

Delays in the launch of pay-per-view has put a blight on the shares of ie United, steady at a low of 75p, and Totten-ham Hotspur, steady at 67'2p after months of devoting its energy to avoiding relegation from the Pre-

miership. Both clubs were relying on substantial TV income, shifting City focus to the escalating costs of football players.

There is no sign of television companies paying any less to broadcast matches, but spending will be concentrated around Europe's bestknown dubs.

On this basis, Manchester United, steady at 150¹2 p. looks like the only justifably complain about its share rating. The others seem set to suffer for some

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nothing to calm speculation. Oil producers suffered from a	Exchange Index

drop in crude oil prices, after the

International Oil Agency cut its

estimates for July demand. BP

fell 18p to 909½, Shell lost 8¼ p to 443p and Enterprise Oil

The company, which keeps

a record of stolen credit cards

to help to prevent fraud, had

been a former AIM stock of

the year, and its shares had hit

a high of 87½ p two weeks ago. They lost 15p to 62½ p

Shares of Omnimedia were

suspended at 24p after the

disaster-struck CD distributor

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RECENT ISSUES

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lost 10p to 553p. Plans for a share placing saw shares of Capital Radio adjust down 10p to 665p. The number of shares in issue has increased by 10 per cent. meaning a £42 million overall increase in market value. Profit-taking knocked shares of European Motor Holdings 8½p from their three-year high of 119½p after the recovering car dealership met City forecasts with profits up 16 per cent to £10.2 million. The reputation of the Alternative Investment Market took another blow as Card Clear parted company with Brian Raven, chief executive, and Oliver Cooke, finance director, after "misrepresentation about the nature of a	Ambient Medla 90 BTR Red Prf B 36': Captain OM Warts (4) 5'; City North Group 153'; Computacenter 752'; Dimension Res Wrts 9'; Dimension Resources 22 Do Warrants 1'; Dresdner RCM 100'; Elderstreet Dwng VCT 95 Eskmuir Properties 238 GRE Red Prf B 20 Game 216 Hamleys B 22 ICM Computer 260'; JWE Telecom 150 James R Knowles 96'; Multi Equip Rental 13 Pennine Dwng VCT 100 Quantica 147'; Taiwan IT GDR 131'; Taylor & Francis 236'; Thomson Travel 184';	
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Biffa has experience of handling this sort of "disag-

TEMPUS

A happy divorce

requirements on an interna-

By acquiring Corestaff, Corporate will add a network of

105 American branches that

generated \$28 million of prof-

its from \$478 million (£290

million) of revenues last year.

The US will consequently

represent not far short of one

half of the business of the

enlarged group.

IT IS still early days but the divorce of Express Dairies from Northern Foods is so far proving to be one of the more successful demergers. The combined value of shares in Northern and Express is 60 per cent higher than the equivalent stock 18 months ago. Any definitive judgment has to take account of the

£18.5 million of demerger costs. The businesses of the two companies are quite distinct and demerger has made management easier. In addition, the split has given shareholders the chance to get out of the less attractive milk side while holding on to their interest in the more promising food manufacturing activities in new Northern. which remains one of Marks & Spencer's

biggest suppliers. There are easier ways of making a living than rustling up ready meals and sandwiches

for sale in the leading supermarkets but there is more life, and profit, in that than milk. The best that holders of new Express

Dairies shares can hope for is a bid. But while it is superficially vulnerable, it is hard to see why any buyer would find the firm attractive enough to take the risk that comes with any acquisition, particularly of a company earning low margins in a stagnant market. Express is more likely to be a buyer in the consolidation that the industry has long argued is necessary. That said, the ability of Express to pay for a big deal looks questionable with year-end gearing standing

at 145 per cent. Express has attractions as an income stock - the shares yield 5.5 per cent - but there is more obvious growth potential in backing Northern Foods.

LOOKING ABROAD

The strategic logic looks

sound, but the success of the

deal will depend on Corpo-

rate's ability to manage Corestaff. Much better

known names than Corpo-

rate have come a cropper in

the US and this deal is

substantially bigger than

any it has done before.

Having risen to 2602p, the

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shares are looking pricey.

Corporate

Services

IT IS quite a surprise to learn that Corporate Services is now large enough to be able to make a EI50 million acquisition in the US. The employment and training group's excellent record over the past five years has given it a value of more than £400 million — almost £450 million after the 9.5 per cent share price rise yesterday that accompanied vester-

day's announcement. Corporate had seemed intent on building up its European business, having made a trio of small French acquisitions over the past year. The justification for switching the focus to the US is that the multinational companies that are the group's clients are increasingly seeking to meet their contract staffing

from £10.45 to 998½ p.

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Belgian subsidiary, where

Severn Trent improvements were masked by the strong pound. The SHARES in Severn Trent services business operates in have had a strong run recentthe UK and was also hit by ly, blasting through the £10 sterling. barrier on the expectation of On the water supply side, some kind of capital return to costs are still being squeezed shareholders. That did not out, but domestic customers materialise yesterday and the continue to switch to meters market was further disapat the rate of 50,000 a year. pointed by its unsatisfactory saving about £50-£150 on plan to delay dividend payments until the abolition of average Severn will enter pricing advance corporation tax.

discussions with the regula-There was no shortage of tor later this year, claiming sellers as the shares dropped that its customers want prices and service quality to The performance of Sevstay where they are. It will be em's unregulated businesses going into the review with conspicuously missed the 20 more confidence than many per cent profit growth target, but was better than it looked. but, even on a prospective earnings multiple of about 11 Biffa, the waste management for the year, its main source arm, did well in the UK and of earnings is too volatile to any moves by the Governgo chasing the shares. ment to encourage households to separate their rubbish for easier recycling Kalon would provide a new

EVEN before Scotland's footballers face up to Brazil in Paris today, Kalon has rushed out the first World

Cup profits warning. You would have to have a heart of stone not to laugh.

The paints company fears that men on both sides of the Channel will not be able to tear themselves away from the television for long enough to attend to their shabby paintwork. With almost half its business in France, Kalon. is in the epicentre of the potential World Cup/DIY

More mundanely, the recent bad weather has led to poor sales in both the UK. and France, although Kalon has at least held on to its market shares. With the familiar hit from sterling. first-half profits will undershoot last year.

The company's broker has cut back its profit forecast for this year by more than 20 per cent to £42 million. Having fallen by a fifth to 1462p. Kalon's shares trade on 21.5 still looks expensive.

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the definition of brilliant spin-doctoring must be the successful transmission of two distinct and contradictory messages from the same briefing.

To the Treasury go the laurels.
The Treasury called in a number of economics journalists to explain a document, published on Monday, that analysed in depth the fiscal management mistakes that had wrecked the economy in the past and set out clear and comprehensive rules aimed at avoiding boom/bust calamities in future.

The headlines that resulted couldn't have been more different. "Chancellor to approve investment bonanza," said The Guardian.
"Treasury nurns fiscal screw," said our own business pages.

The public may be confused but this was a public relations triumph for a Treasury which is trying to please very different constituencies. The Guardian, whose readers tend to be Labour (old and new) and care passionately about the public services, for which dispro-

Chancellor may yet spend and surprise portionately many work, provided reassurance that the Government will have money to spend on schools and hospitals. The Times.

the Treasury is not going to spend all of the budget surpluses for which it is now planning.
So everybody was left happy.
But what does it all mean for levels of investment and spending? Does the Chancellor have a war chest or are the budget surpluses to come simply a temporary function of the cycle which will soon disappear when the economy turns down? If there is money available to be spent, will the Chancellor spend it or keep a substantial amount back

for a rainy day? There is little doubt that the Treasury is obsessed with not repeating the mistakes of the 1980s

budget surpluses as the reward of a Conservative economic miracle rather than the result of an with a large City audience, provided heart-warming intelligence that insustainable economic boom. With an economic slowdown upon us, the Chancellor has every justification in building up a financial cushion. Nobody knows where the economy is compared with trend, how deep or shallow the trough might be and how long will last. For a government whose every sinew is strained in the direction of winning another term in office, an "investment

bonanza" seems too risky for now. On the other hand, there really is no point in being a Labour government if it is not prepared to use quite a high proportion of available money to reverse Conservative neglect of public services. Having endured 18 years in oppo-



sition, its victory has to have a purpose beyond winning another term purely through the singleminded exercise of caution.

The message of this week's Treasury paper on fiscal policy effectively inverts Saint Augustine's dictum: "Give me chastity and continency — but not yet." Labour is saying: "We will spend, but not yet." Mr Brown had already announced that Labour will run surpluses for the rest of this Parliament and stick to the Golden Rule that prohibits bor-rowing unless it finances

This week, the Treasury signalled that it was unlikely to use those surpluses in their entirety to finance capital spending by an-nouncing that it would bear down" on the ratio of public debt to GDP. The Chancellor has promised to give us a figure on this, probably a ceiling, for the rest of this parliament when the Comprehensive Spending Review is published early in July.

At the same time, it announced a change to the public spending architecture that it hopes will bias departmental spending towards investment rather than their running costs. Part of the spending

requires departments to run separate current and capital budgets, and not be allowed to shift resources between them. If current spending overruns, capital bud-gets will be protected.

This is a long-term framework and very sensible it seems. But what of the next few years, the rest of this term? The happy truth, unless the economy falls off a cliff, is that, courtesy of Kenneth Clarke's economic boom and Gordon Brown's austerity, the Treasury is probably in a position to be both prudent and spend public money with relative generosity. David Walton of Goldman Sachs calculates that Mr Brown could raise spending by a real 2.75 per cent a year for the next three years and, within that total, increase capital spending by 25 per cent a

year, and still meet his fiscal rules. This, Mr Walton notes, would make a significant inroad into the undoubted backlog of public in-vestment projects, but it is argu-able whether even this would be enough for the public to notice the difference. On these figures, the average annual real growth in the public spending would still only be 1.75 per cent, only slightly more than that achieved by the Tories. Mr Brown may want to do better than this. He may not dare. We still don't know which of his instincts will come to dominate -

the Iron Chancellor or the lifelong Labour man. My reading of the Chancellor and his officials is that there will be more spending but it will not be large enough to come anywhere near the hopes implied by the words "war chest". Bonanza and Brown are not words that sit easily together but let us see the results of the Comprehensive Spending

Review. The Chancellor may surprise us.

American invaders here to stay after seeing room for expansion

Dominic Walsh on the bid

frenzy in

the UK hotel

industry

ith interest rates on the up and the economy slowing down after six years of growth, the case for investing in the UK hotel industry looks pretty thin. Yet in the past few weeks, the Savoy Group has been sold for an astonishing £520 million, while Cliveden, Vaux and now Thistle have all issued statements that they are in talks with potential buyers.

The biggest single factor driving the sudden surge in would-be hotel buyers is interest from America, where a new breed of apparently insatiable hotel acquirers has come to the fore in the past couple of years. Blazing the trail have been the real estate investment trusts (Reits), led by Starwood Hotels & Resorts and Patriot Ameri-

can Hospitality. They have shaken up the US hotel industry, ruffling numerous feathers along the way. Starwood's defeat of the powerful Hilton Hotels Corporation in the battle for ITT, owner of the Sheraton Hotels chain, with a knockout \$14.6 billion bid (£8.9 billion).

Most commentators believe the pace of change in the US means that further opportunities there have become few and far between, driving buyers to look further afield and putting Europe firmly in their sights. Take the Savoy Group, for example. While the eventual winner was a joint venture between two US investment firms, Blackstone Group and Colony Capital, the other main contenders included Starwood and Meditrust, another Reit.

Starwood, which last year snapped up the famous Turnberry Hotel and golf courses on Scotland's west coast for more than \$50 million, is considered a frontrunner for Thistle, the price of which could top £2 billion if a competitive bidding situation develops. On a recent visit to London, Robert Cotter, Starwood's president and chief operating officer for Europe, expressed confidence in the

THE departure of Glen Travers, chairman of underperforming drug

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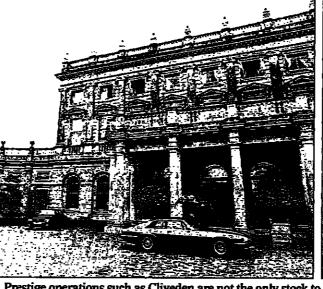
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the past. Investors are irritated over this and various other "lifestyle

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Prestige operations such as Cliveden are not the only stock to offer value, according to John Jarvis



Robert Peel, the former Thistle chief, and Ramon Pajares, managing director of the Savoy, flanked by Blackstone's Stephen Schwarzman and John Kukral

European hotel market over the next four to five years. Part of his confidence is based on the theory that the UK market is two years behind the US economic cycle. making continued moderate growth sustainable. Mr Cotter, in London to promote the benefits of the integration of the group's Sheraton and Westin brands, said the industry here would also benefit from European monetary union and the Millennium

celebrations. John Jarvis, chairman and chief executive of Jarvis Hotels and a former head of Hilton International, also believes the UK hotel market has further to go and believes many hotel stocks are still undervalued. Mr Jarvis said: "What has happened in the US is that there has been major structural change and major consolidation. Now that value has largely been eroded in the US, the 'new-age' investors are clearly turning their eyes to Europe because they see value there. They see value in the quality of the properties, in the quality of the management and in the great divergence in p/e ratios in the sector."

Leading hotel property agents, though sceptical of some of the prices being paid, also believe the top of the market has yet to be reached. Derek Gammage, head of hotels at Knight Frank, said: "Although occupancy has levelled off, room rates are still growing at inflation-plus, and because fixed costs have been

kept firmly under control any growth is going straight to the bottom line. We're currently seeing returns on income out in the regions of between 27 and 28 per cent, compared with between 22 and 24 per cent in the recent past. In London, the returns can be as high as 45 per cent on bed-only operations."

he quality of such assets as Cliveden and Gleneagles, both of which may end up in US hands for premium prices, is in no doubt, although in the case of Thistle the picture is less clear-cut. One of the factors that led to the recent departure of Robert Peel after 20 year as chief executive was his slowness in shedding poorer assets to focus on the four-star Thistle brand. The interest to buyers lies in its London presence, where it has 24 hotels with just

under 6,500 rooms.

Despite the US invasion, some of the UK's more ambitious companies are also on the prowl. In the wake of the recent £1.77 billion acquisition of Inter-Continental Hotels by Bass, whose stable already included Holiday Inn, there is talk that Ladbroke is in negotiations with Hilton Hotels Corporation with a view to buying its US hotels for about \$8 billion.

Another domestic predator is Stakis, the Glasgow group brought back from the brink of death in the last recession

by David Michels. Mr Mi-

Jacuzzi to reach the switch on the

wall, "about a stretch limo away".

The level of the water falls below that

of the jets, which empty out into the

bathroom. The only solution is to

jump back in to raise the water level,

while turning the taps back on again.

slower than the jets are emptying it."
Easthope is by now stretched out blocking four of the Jacuzzi jets with his hands and feet. He tries a mad

dash back to the switch to turn the

thing off. "Why were bathrooms

made from marble? Nothing when

wet is more slippery . . . "

Sadly you are fighting a losing battle: the taps are filling up the bath chels, who paid £327 million for Metropole Hotels in October 1996, is understood to be in takeover talks with Vaux, the Sunderland brewer whose Swallow Hotels chain is its biggest division. Mr Michels is expected to keep Swallow while offloading its pubs and

brewing operations. If successful. Mr Michels would clearly look to cut costs at Swallow by closing the head office while taking advantage of economies of scale in areas such as purchasing and sales and marketing. The rationale for the deal, albeit on a smaller scale, is thus similar to the policies adopted by some of the American invaders, where "big is beautiful" is the guid-

ing principle in an increasing-ly global marketplace. tial in Pictures of the image that defines the company for many, those adverts with Sir Peter Davis, the chairman, as the living embodiment of the Pru and all it stands for. These were screened before the Pru was named and shamed for its part in the pensions mis-selling scandal, and withdrawn thereafter. And banished

from the history books? "We're looking at this book as a celebration of our history," a spokeswoman tells me. "I don't think any more should be read into it than that." Perhaps some things are more worth celebrating than others.

MARTIN WALLER



Sir Peter Davis: strangely

BUSINESS LETTERS

Deal over Channel Tunnel rail link achieved by creative accounting

From Mr Paul K. Gorford Sir, The City Editor described John Prescott's new CTRL deal as achieved "as if by magic" (Commentary, June 4). fashioned creative accounting

of the "off-balance sheet" kind. The Accounting Standards Board in Financial Reporting Standard 5 (FRS5) states ownership of an asset is associated with exposure to the risks inherent in the benefits, taking into account the likelihood of those risks having a commercial effect in practice".

It appears from what the Deputy PM and Railtrack have announced so far that the preponderance of risks lie with the taxpayer. We are told the Government guarantees the whole underlying debt - no surprise the City will lend the money. The Government also is to underwrite the necessary income flow to the operator to service this debt and presumably reward their shareholders.

Operating, performance and demand risks are not with the private partners in this deal; rather that if anything goes wrong taxpayers via the Treasury will be left with the penalty. In commercial accounting terms the financing of this deal would be a liability on the balance sheet of the party making the guarantees. If the Treasury's financial reporting is to be "true and fair" £3.8 billion should therefore be included in the public sector borrowing requirement.

The other implication of this deal is that the Government's creative accounting has removed from parliamentary scrutiny £3.8 billion of liability. Surely the Commons Treasury or Public Accounts Committees are not going to accept this without a fight? Yours faithfully, PAUL K. GORFORD, 19 Faringdon Road, Watchfield. Swindon SN6 8SS.

capital gains exposure, until the point at which the capital

is consumed as income, are

those with revenue-approved

pension schemes: from the captains of industry down.

many enjoy this privilege. Why should those individ-

uals selling their whole busi-

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changes to investments, as eh the capital realised is

all to be consumed as income

in the year of sale and rein-

vestment? To do so, seems

Unfairness is inherent in capital gains taxation

From Mr Hugh Long Sir, You reported that small business retirement relief. capital gains tax, is being removed by the Government in legislation guided by Geoffrey Robinson (Week-

end Money, June 6). You reported Mr Robinson as saying, in the House: We do not think it is right that people with substantial gains should pay no tax at all. I say that quite frankly. correctness of that arrangement. It is simply not fair to the vast majority of taxpayers who do not have capital gains." Mr Robinson, I understand, is one of those who "do not have capital gains" in his offshore trust.

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manifestly unfair.

Yours faithfully,

Others who "do not have" NW5 ISL

Regulation that gives us all a steak in society

From Mr Mark Hayes-Newington Sir, I am confident that I have now identified one of the most creative political manoeuvres

this century. It has troubled me for some time that the current Government's obsession with shaking up the financial services industry must have a more significant purpose than increased protection for the

consumer. First we saw the creation of the single financial services regulatory organisation, the FSA. In itself this was not a great surprise.

However, the follow-up move of giving this same body responsibility for protecting the public's interests in food as well as financial services seemed extraordinarily imaginative. I assumed that such a single agency would be more cost effective and was probably necessary as supermarkets would need to be regulated as

they now sell financial products. However, I have recently seen the logical conclusion to

this policy. In future we are all to have steak (sic) holder pensions. Presumably these products will be offered by supermarkets, and to enjoy any tax benefit investors will be required to buy steak at the same time as submitting their pension contributions. As a result, in one masterful

stroke, the Government seems to have created the opportunity for cost savings in regulation, saved the state the burden of future pension provision and rescued the embat-tled British beef industry.

Yours faithfully.
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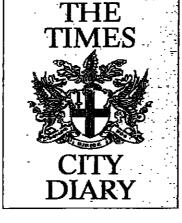


Drug overdose (Travers's own, let us be fair) or the company helicopter that picked him up from his back garden.

Michael Flynn, chief scientific officer, says loyally that the helicopter was a cost-effective way to ferry people up to the Deeside R&D centre. But even he admits that this created a bad impression. The other directors on the remuneration committee, who may have a few tricky questions to answer, include Nelson Broms, a 78year-old American, and Lord Colwyn, a dentist who took his seat in the House of Lords in 1967.

□ WHEN David Simons, the Somerfield chief executive and a man whose effortless charm led one analyst to dub him "the David Mellor of retailing", announced the merger with Kwik Save a few months back, there was much talk about a meeting of equals. Simons promised a new name to symbolise this and initiated a company-wide competition to find one, offering a crate of own-

label champagne as the prize. Now they have decided, logically enough, to take one word from each of the two companies names. So Somerfield has contributed, well. Somerfield and Kwik Save the plc



bit. Somerfield plc it is, then, and Kwik Save goes to that strange un-derworld that is the final resting place of old brand names. Still, I am iold someone won the champagne.

Depth plumbed

AS ONE of the advisers to the flotation of Thomson Travel, SBC Warburg Dillon Read is not yet allowed to publish research. This has not dissuaded Julian Easthope from a detailed analysis from the float. The Jacuzzi: some useful tips to analysts on US hotels. There follows his nightmare experience with American plumbing. He jumps out of the anniversary. But nothing in Pruden-

☐ ATTEMPTS by the stuffy old Athenaeum Hotel to cash in on World Cup fever have gone wrong. The hotel conducted a survey of City traders. Favourite to win, no surprise. Brazil. But in the list of top scorers a new name appears in third place -Berkoff. The only Berkoff anyone here has heard of is a balding East End playwright. Is he playing, then? "Er ... it isn't Berkoff, is it?" a

They've obviously got it wrong." Written out

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Bierhoff, the German chappie.

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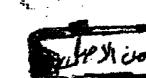
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Ecology in isolation: Lieutenant-Commander Tigwell, his wife Heather and their children Kit, 4, and Pippa, 3, at their wind-powered cottage

Big bills have gone with the wind power

igel and Heather Tigwell knew exactly what they were looking for during their 18-month search for a home on Dartmoor: a detached, familysize cottage in a rural setting with great views.

What they never expected to settle on was a propeller-powered home. Wheal Lucky, a large Edwardian house built by quarrymen working at nearby Foggin Tor, stands on high moorland, where the wind can howl like a mad monarch.

With no mains services of its own, it relies on a private water supply (from a borehole), a septic tank and, for its domestic electricity, a galvan-ised steel mast topped by a three-blade turbine.

might have been put off, but Lieutenant-Commander Tigwell, a Royal Navy submarine engineer, felt up to the challenge. He and his wife were the first to view and bought immediately. He says: 'It helps that I'm an engineer because I understand how wind turbines work."

When it comes to fuel bills, their purchase will prove to be a canny one. For a start, the system had already been installed, saving the Tigwells up to £15,000. As for the bills, it is reckoned that a three-blade turbine such as theirs could provide 24-hour lighting and power for a washing-machine. lishwasher, tumble-dryer and other domestic appliances for The Tigwells fell in love with their Dartmoor cottage for its unusual generator, they tell Sue Herdman

two months. Generator backup should cost about £6. The cost is slightly more if the house is sited in a less windy spot, but a great deal less than having a mains system run to the house by a local utility company. In remote areas of Scotland, up to £39,000 has

been quoted for such a service. Advice for wind-turbine novices comes from Paul Allen, a consultant at the Centre Alternative Technology (CAT) in Machynlleth, Powys.

He says: "It is important to get the right-size turbine system for your house; too big and you'll be dumping power. And The latest systems are a lot quieter than those of five years ago and come without gearboxes. which used to make a continu-

A typical power system will have the wind turbine providing a steady trickle charge to batteries kept in a battery store. They store enough charge to support daily use of essential appliances and light-

ing for two or three days. As a back-up, there will be a diesel generator to provide power when the batteries are low. At the heart of the process will be an inverter powermanagement system to mo-nitor battery condition, power usage, charge rates and stop

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or start the generator as necessary. If demand exceeds a certain limit, the inverter becomes a charger, taking power from the generator at a predetermined rate to top up the

What, then, of the actual turbine (never call them windmills - turbine aficionados won't have it)? At Wheal Lucky, the turbine stands alongside the house on a raised spot. Its rotors will be capable of withstanding winds

To enthusiasts, the turbines are beautiful and healthy

> worthy of a West Country Hardy novel — up to 150mph. The blades are designed to furl, or fold, to avoid damage in extreme weather conditions. The turbine develops 2.6kW of power, which is transmitted by a 50mm cable.

That 2.6kW really is the maximum load, Lt-Cdr Tigwell says. The disadvantage is that we had to be careful when choosing a washing machine and dishwasher because both must have an economy button. and we cannot run an electric cooker - we have an oil-

standing scenic views come unhindered by neighbours. across moorland and allow the wind a clear sweep towards the smoothly swinging turburning Rayburn instead." bine. (If you are connected to Wind-turbine systems are, the national grid, it probably essentially, just a little younger is not worth providing your than the Tigwells' new home. own wind power.) Mr Allen says: "They date to the 1930s. But, with the advent

To wind-turbine enthusiasts such as Mr Allen, the turbines of the national grid, electricity are beautiful - and healthy. was cheap and connection "Just think of the price to pay in health terms for nuclear easy, so these systems remained largely undeveloped until the 1970s, when self-

power," he says.

The Tigwells are certainly won over. Lt-Cdr Tigwell says: "With our septic tank, own water supply and the turbine, the only regular cost we have on the house is

Elegance on parade in English Versailles building a copy of Wren's original building, which had been knocked down in

century French court transposed to modern Hampshire, but Charles II wouldn't have wanted it any other way. Bess Twiston Davies writes.

He was so determined to have a copy of Louis XIV's palace, that he commissioned Sir Christopher Wren to re-create Versailles in Winchester on the site now known as the Peninsu-

Wren made an exact blueprint of the large hunting lodge at Ver-sailles that formed the basis for the gargantuan palace we know today. The paiace was designed on a grand scale: the

stens alone swept down from the barracks to Winchester Cathedral and, in keeping with of his day, Wren planned to frame his palace within a formal garden. But the King died before the gardens could make it off the draw-

ing board. This March, some 300 years from their inception, the formal 17th-century gardens Wren envisaged for his palace will finally be

"These gardens are an abstraction of Wren's explains Huw Thomas, RIBA, who designed the gardens. Thom-as's gardens differ in one essential to Wren's they are a fraction of the size Wren intended. "All the buildings between the barracks and Winchester Cathedral would have had to be knocked down to fit in the

gardens," he says. At the centre of the garden is a large bassin, a 10ft by 14ft "mirror pond". Wren copied this from Versailles and introduced it into the gardens he designed at Hampton Court.

Wren's garden forms the centrepiece of a sympathetic conversion

> The gardens mark the final stage of the barracks conversion into housing. Wren's palace was turned into barracks during the Peninsula War of 1808-14, and remained under military control until 1986. The development by Try Homes and the Gerry Gilchrist Pank Partnership has enhanced the distinctive 17thcentury atmosphere of the barracks.

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Last November Try Homes won the best house category in the What House competition (sponsored by

site. Most of Wren's original buildings were rebuilt by the Edwardian architect In-gress Bell after they were damaged by fire at the turn of the century.
"Ingress Bell took apart
the remains of Wren's palace and rebuilt it like a huge Lego set, using all the original materials," says Mr

The gardens may have been constructed last, but Mr Thomas (who is responsible for the barracks conversion) designed them first, long before there seemed any chance of saving the bar-racks from plans to build a four-storey

car park on the parade ground, where the gardens are built. Now he has the satisfaction of seeing his elegant watercolour sketches of the gardens come to life. "I can't get away with this, I keep pinching myself. Developers often curtail the cost, but

this is exactly how ! designed the gardens."
His designs retain echoes of the parade ground, incorporating rows of yew trees, of which he says: "In the half light, they will look like



Artist's impression of Peninsula Barracks with gardens designed by Wren

Preaching to the converters

ndy Scott, a member of Sweet, the Seventies pop group, has just paid £120,000 for a derelict isth-century timber-framed barn above the village of All Cannings, in the Vale of Pewsey, Wiltshire, Mr Scott, 48, expects to spend another £100,000 converting his barn into a four-bedroom singlestorey house, if local authority planners raise no further objections.

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rt and style

His barn is one of a group of cottages and redundant farm buildings set in the ramparts of Tan Hill, which at 962 ft is Wiltshire's highest point. The barns are close to an Iron Age settlement, and the surround-ing landscape is of great archaeological value as well as being part of the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Permission to convert the barns was given only at the fourth at-

In cases such as All Cannings, where there is no money or motive to restore buildings for agricultural pur-poses, the National Farmers' Union supports other uses. The Government's policy and planning guidance document,
The Countryside, Environmental Quality and Economic and Social Development (PPG7), which all local authorities have, stipulates: Residential conversions are often detrimental to the character of historic farm buildings." This view is shared by the Royal Town Planning Institute, which says that farm



Folly House is an example of an attractive conversion

buildings in village streets might work as houses, but generally not those in rural "Barns are often isolated."

says Mike Haslam, the institute's spokesman on development control. "When converted into a house, it introduces all the paraphernalia of domestic life into the open landscape, and this is intrusive." English Heritage is review-

ing its advice on barn conversions and expects to publish A Future for Historic Farm Buildings this month. The present statement says that residential conversion destroys many essential features of farm buildings. Where the unwanted barns have no architectural merit, the option favoured by the Council for the Protection of Rural England is

buildings, the problem, says CPRE's Gregor Hutcheon, is that "the restrictions placed on the original conversion are subject to incremental change" as the owners experience life in a converted barn.

This has already begun to happen at Cannings Cross, where there are applications for new windows and a double garage. The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings says even the best-intentioned people discover barn living too uncomfortable.

The agents SPD Savills says that it was poor conversions that contributed to the slump in the barn trade during the late 1980s and early 1990s when the cost of buying and renovating was often greater than the value of the result. "People tried to make them

into Barratt homes." says

Banbury office. "But conversions are much more interesting now that local authorities are more flexible."

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Mr Borradaile has little sympathy with official attempts to impose character details on farm buildings. Stove-pipe chimneys (a familiar condition of planning permission) stand out more than proper chimneys. He says: "It

ough conversion."
Folly House, from Savills, is a good example of an attractive barn conversion at Sibford Ferris, Oxfordshire.

At Cannings Cross, local planners agreed on an application to turn the barns into three houses only after protracted negotiations.

Mr Scott suspects recent informal remarks may reveal the town hall's true philosophy: "This planner stood on the hill above my barn and said it would be preferable for the barns to have fallen down and gone back to downland. But I see nothing wrong in taking something derelict and making it beautiful."

DAVID LOVIBOND

Two of the Cannings Cross barns have now been sold. The third, a mid-Victorian building, is available at a guide price of £110,000 to £115,000. Details from Andrew Fleming Associates, 01390 860960. Savills Banbury has two converted barns set among hills west of the town. Both properties are offered at £485,000 and £325,000 respectively. Contact James Borradaile, 01295-263535.

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'Paid' means actually not lawfully paid

Security v Harmon Same v Carter Same v Cocks

Before Lord Justice Beldam, Lord Justice Millett and Lord Justice (Judgment June 5)

On a true construction of section 6(1) of the Child Support Act 1991 the word "paid" meant "actually paid", not "lawfully paid". It followed that when an absent parent claimed that a person with care was not entitled to receive an income support benefit, the child support authorities had no power to delay or adjourn their decisions in order to see whether the receipt by the person with care of a specified benefit would be terminated by a social security adjudication officer.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing appeals by the Secretary of State for Social Security from three decisions of child support commissioners, Mr Commis Rice in the cases of Mr Peter Cox and Mr David Carter, and Mr Commissioner Angus in the case of Mr Michael Harmon, in favour of the absent parents. Section 6 of the 1991 Act

provides: "(I) Where income support, family credit or any other benefit of a prescribed kind is claimed by or in respect of, or paid to or in respect of, the nament of a qualifying child she shall, if - (a) she is a person with care of the child; and (b) she is required to do so by the secretary state, authorise the secretary of state to take action under the Act to recover child support maintenance from the absent parent."

Mr Mark Shaw for the secretary for Mr Harmon

LORD JUSTICE MILLETT said that Mr Commissioner Rice had followed an earlier decision of his own in Bayerstock (CCS 7062/1995) on January 8, 1996. Mr Commissioner Angus had followed Mr Commissioner Rice.

King v The Hundred of Hoo

Before Mr Justice Morison. Mr A.

E. R. Manners and Ms B. Switzer

The information that an employee

who was absent on maternity leave

intended to return to work re-

quired by section 80(1) of the

Employment Rights Act 1996, did

rights provisions was to ensure

that an employee who was preg-

nant, and her employer who would

be responsible for paying mater-nity pay, had sufficient commu-

nication with each other so that

they might make sensible arrange-

ments for a return to work.

Industrial tribunals should arrive

at conclusions which gave effect to

the purpose of the legislation and

which seemed to them just and

The Employment Appeal Tri-

bunal so held when allowing an appeal from a decision of an

the applicant, Miss Sara King, did

not have the right to return after

childbirth to her former employ-

ment with the Hundred of Hoo

Nursery, her employers, and that

her complaints of unfair dismisal

and sex discrimination should be

Section 71 of the 1996 Act gave a

ECM (Vehicle Delivery Ser-

Before Mr Justice Morison, Mr D.

A. C. Lambert and Mr P. A. L.

Where employees were dedicated

to servicing a particular contract, without which they would have

had no employment, and that contract was transferred to a

competitor of their employer, there

was a transfer of an undertaking for the purposes of the Transfer of

Undertakings (Protection of

Employment) Regulations (\$1 1981 No 1794) and the transferee could

not avoid the operation of the regulations by refusing to take on

The Employment Appeal Tri-bunal so held in dismissing an appeal by ECM (Vehicle Delivery

Service) Ltd from a decision of an

industrial tribunal sitting at Hull

upholding claims of upfair dis-

missal made against the company by Mr Brian Cox and 23 other

Mr Patrick Elias, QC. for ECM:

MR JUSTICE MORISON said

that the applicants were drivers

ployed by Axial Ltd at Grimsby in the delivery of vehicles pursuant to

a contract Axial had with VAG Ltd.

In 1993 Axial lost the VAG contract

to ECM. ECM decided not to

employ any of the ex-Axial

The industrial tribunal found that if there had been no VAG

contract the applicants would have

had no jobs and was satisfied that

there was a discrete entity of an

undertaking transferred from Ax-

ial to ECM which retained its

It was submitted by ECM that

all that had been transferred was a

particular activity and that, in the light of Süzen v Zehnacker Ge-baudereinigung GmbH Kranke-

hausservice (Case C-13/95) [[1997]

ICR 602) and Betts v Brintel Helicopters Ltd ([1997] ICR 792).

saying that there was a transfer

identity following the transfer.

and yardmen who had been em-

Mr James Tayler for the applicant

vice) Ltd v Cox and Others

Judgment May 15j

The structure of the maternity

not have to be in writing.

[Judgment May 21]

ensure that the appeals were fully argued, the secretary of state had agreed to pay the costs of the sent parents on an indemnity

hasis in any event. Only Mr Harmon had taken advantage of that offer. Technically Mr Mostyn represented only Mr Harmon but in reality he represented all three absent

All three appeals all raised the same short but important ques-tion, which was concerned with the relationship between the child support system and the social security benefit system.

Two conditions had to be satisfied before the secretary of state was authorised to take action in recover child maintenance support from an absent parent: (i) the person giving the requisite authority must be a person with care of a qualifying child; (ii) income support or other benefit of a prescribed kind must be being laimed or paid to or in respect of

The principal question in the appeals was whether there was a further implicit condition; that the benefit in question was benefit to which the person with care was

For the purpose of making an assessment it was necessary for the child support officer to determine the assessable income of both parents. Where, however, either parent was in receipt of benefit, he or she was taken to have no assessable income, under paragraph 5(4) of the First Schedule to the 1991 Act.

Again a principal question in the appeals was whether it was an plicit condition of paragraph 5(4) that the benefit in question was benefit to which the person with care was entitled.

In each of the cases with which the appeals were concerned the parent with care was the mother and the father was the absent

The mother was in receipt of income support and was required Notice of intention to return need not be in writing

expected week of childbirth in

writing. Section 79 provides for the

steps to recover child maintenance from the respondent father and did

Each of the fathers contended that the mother was not entitled to income support and challenged the section 6 procedure. Following unsuccessful appeals to the Child Support Appeal Tribunal, each of the lathers appealed to the child

support commissioner. The respective commissioners had considered:

I The authority of the secretary of state in take action under section 6(I) to recover child maintenance support from the absent parent depended on whether the parent with care was claiming or being paid income support or other benefit to which he or she was lawfully entitled.

2 The social security adjudication officer had exclusive jurisdiction to determine whether income support or other benefit was properly payable and the child support authorities were bound by his 3 Where the absent parent had

stantial grounds for contending that income support or other benefit should not have been paid to the parent with care, the child support authorities had a discretion to defer or adjourn consideration of the assessment until the 4 The failure by the tribunal to

consider whether to allow application to be made to the social security authorities to review the award of income support to the parent with care was a breach of natural iustice and an error of law. the tribunal to consider whether to grant an adjournment and if the social security officer found that income support was not properly payable, the child support tribunal uld, on a resumed hearing, remit the case to the child support officer with a direction to amend the

His Lordship said that in the end the question was one of jurisdiction: the child support officer had

was no discrimination.

ment, and the tribunal power to adjourn consideration of an assessment already made, in order to ties to review the decision to pay income support, if but only if the

was a matter which was relevant to the discharge of their functions. That was so if, but only if, as the commissioners held, "paid" meant lawfully or property paid. Other-wise the question whether the

entitlement pay income support

benefit was benefit to which the parent with care was entitled was not relevant. The commissioners considered (i) that the primary meaning of "paid" was "lawfully paid"; and (ii) that in the context of the 1991 Act it

could have no other meaning. His Lordship respectfully disagreed. In his judgment the pri-mary meaning of the word "paid" was "actually paid". But the primary meaning would readily yield to a context to the contrary.

in his view, however, the statutory context demonstrated that word in section 6(1) and paragraph "actually paid". His reasons were: I The same test was adopted in sections 6(1) and 4(10)(b) of the 1991 Act, as inserted by section [8(1) of the Child Support Act 1995. Where benefit was claimed or paid. whatever that might mean, then (i) the parent with care could not make his own application to the

authorise him to do so. The two sections were obviously both mutually exclusive, and ex-haustive. Every case must fall into one or the other. Either benefit was naid or claimed or it was not. Accordingly if "paid" meant "lawfully paid" in section 6 it must do so in section 4(10)(b). But that

absent parent; but (ii) the secretary

of state could require her to

produced a nonsensical result. The parent with care could not claim to be paid income support on the basis that she was entitled to it and at the same time authorise the secretary of state to recover child tion 6 on the basis that she was not.

and a fortiori by receiving it, she automatically took hetself out of section 4 and into section 6.

2 The fact that Parliament in ended the section 6 procedure to be set in motion before a claimant's entitlement to benefit had been determined demonstrated that the nvocation of the section 6 procedure did not depend on the validity of the claim.

3 If the respondent's argument was correct, then every step taken under section 6(1) fell if the parent with care was not entitled to the benefit she was receiving. It was not merely a case of an incorrect assessment under paragraph 5(4) of the First Schedule.

The secretary of state's authority to take action to recover child support maintenance, together with the service of the maintenance inquiry form, and his reference to the child support officer, must all

The result would be that there would be no effective date, and no liability on the part of the absent father to pay child support mainte-nance until a new effective date

The consequence of holding the section 6 procedure invalid was to deprive qualifying children of nenance and to confer unjusti undeserving absent parent. 4 The cost to public funds, and

the parent with care was entitled to the income support paid or not. Thus the statutory purpose behind section 6(1), far from requiring the word "paid" to be construed as meaning "lawfully" or "properly paid", required it to be construed as meaning "actually

correspondingly the need for repayment, was the same whether

For those reasons his Lordship was satisfied that sections 4(10)(b and 6(1) must be read in their primary signification.

Lord Justice Mummery and Lord Justice Beldam agreed Solicitors Treasury Solicitors Solicitor, Department of Social

been made at the right time and

If section 80(1) was to be con-

strued literally to the effect that the

not be expressed one minute before

or after section 75(1) was complied

with, absurdity would result and

the purpose of the directive

Parliament had intended that

notification of a return to work was

to be provided as soon as reason-

information" did not demand that the information had to be provided

In the present case, the informa-

tion that the applicant wished to

return to work was given at the same tipe as the politication of the birth, there was applying in the statute requiring that the informa-

tion had to be in writing. Had that

been a requirement it would have

The appeal would be allowed.

The applicant was dismissed by

reason of her exercising her statu-

Solicitors: Linforths, Chatham,

tory right to return to work.

said so.

ably practicable. "Includes

Court should not overturn medical agency decision 4 Both the determination of the

Regina y Medicines Control Agency. Ex parte Pharma Nord Ltd

Before Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Morritt and Lord Justice Robert Walker [Judgment May 22]

Where the Medicines Control Agency reasonably decided that a product was medicinal the court should not readily exercise its discretionary jurisdiction to grant a declaration to the contrary in a The Court of Appeal so held in a

reserved judgment dismissing the appeal of the applicants, Pharma Nord Ltd. against the decision of Mr Justice Collins in the Queen's Bench Division (The Times July 29. 1997) that their application judicial review of a decision of the Medicines Control Agency, notified to them on June 14, 1996, that melatonin, a product marketed by the applicants, was a medicinal product within the meaning of rticle 1.2 of Council Directive 65/65/EEC on the approximation of provisions laid down by law. relating to proprietary medicinal products (O) English Special Edition 1965-6 p20), should continue to trial in the Crown Office List rather than as if it had been begun

The agency had deferred instituting criminal proceedings against the applicants when the application for judicial review was launched.

Mr Alastair Wilson, QC and Miss Tamsin Holman for the applicants: Mr Richard Plender. QC, for the agency.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the agency had informed the applicants that it had determined that melatonin was a censable medicinal product subject to the Medicines for Human Use (Marketing Authorisations Etc) Regulations (SI 1994 No 3144).

The applicants had sought an order of certiorari to quash that decision and a declaration that their tablets containing melatonin were not medicinal products within the meaning of article 1.2 of Directive 65/65.

The applicants had recognised that there was little prospect of succeeding on their application if it was to be determined in accordance with the principles usually applied in judicial review. They had therefore applied to have the proceedings transferred [from the Crown Office List) with the object of experts on both sides being called to give oral evidence and the court determining whether melatonin was a medicinal

It was clear from Case 227/82

Van Bennekom ([1983] ECR 3883). Case C-112/89 Upjohn Co v Farzoo Inc ([1991] ECR 1-1703) and Case C-290/90 Commission of the Euro-pean Communities v Germany (1992) ECR 1-3317) that the applica-tion of the definition of a medicinal product in article 1.2 of the Directive was far from straightforward. Where it was the functional qualities of the product which were in issue, there would be room for more than one opinion and it had to be very much a question of judgment in those cases where the

Each member state's relevant authorities had to be allowed a margin of appreciation in reaching a conclusion.

In dismissing the application to transfer. Mr Justice Collins had held that that factual issue "should be left to be decided in the forum contemplated by the Directive and provided for by domestic law, namely the criminal court.

His Lordship did not accept that the Directive, the decisions of the European Court or domestic law required only the criminal courts to decide what was or was not a medicinal product. The approach of the European Court was equally consistent with the initial decision being made by the licensing authority and that decision being reviewed by whatever were the appropriate courts within a particular member state.

Clearly the criminal courts would have jurisdiction to decide the issue in the course of criminal proceedings but the issue could also be determined in the course of civil proceedings. While questions of fact could be resolved in judicial review proceedings after crossexamination, ordinary private law proceedings were more appro-priate for determining issues of the

However, it would not be appropriate for a civil court, as a matter of discretion, to determine the issues between the applicants and the agency in the present case by granting a declaration, for the lowing reasons:

I Under European and domestic law it was the agency which had the initial heavy responsibility of protecting the public against the dangers to health which could result from the unlicensed marketing of medicinal products. It was also the agency's equally

important initial responsibility to decide what was or was not a medicinal product. Unless it determined that a substance was a medicinal product there was no action which it could lawfully take to control its use. 2 The decisions of the European

Court made it clear that in coming to a decision on the facts as 10 vhether a product was medicinal there was scope for a not insignificant element of policy to enter into the determination 3 Any answer which was given by

the agency or by the courts would only be determinative on the facts under consideration. A decision made now could be misleading in a relatively short period of time.

facts and the application of the policy in a case such as the present was not ideally suited to the adversarial processes of the courts. If the case was one where the agency could not reasonably have. come to the decision which it did so that the outcome was one which was conventionally determined on applications for judicial review the sition would be different. However, in the present case the

agency was in a better position to aluate the evidence than a judge. It had accumulated experience as relation to other products which a court lacked. It was an expert body. It had to develop a consistent policy between similar products. The issues were ones in relation to which the court should be wary of becoming involved. In the case of criminal proceed ings the court had no alternative

but to become involved. If a prosecution was instituted they medicinal product or not for themselves. However, the civil courts' jurisdiction was discretionary and there were the substantial reasons already indicated for declining jurisdiction 6 in the present case his Lordshin was not impressed by argument based on interfering with imminent criminal proceedings. The

agency had not objected to holding their hand [in respect of criminal proceedings] for judicial remain proceedings. However, where what was its volved was reasonably regarded by the agency as a medicinal product, his Lordship did not

consider that as a matter of discretion the civil courts should readily exercise their discretionary declaratory jurisdiction to reinves tigate the facts in civil proceedings against the wishes of the agency... It was one of the merits of the declaratory jurisdiction that its deployment could be reserved for situations where its exercise would be in the public interest, which was not the case here.

Lord Justice Robert Walker gave a concurring judgment.

LORD JUSTICE MORRITT, concurring, said that it would not be right for the court to exercise its discretion to grant the declaration sought for there appeared to be no good reason to do so and a very good reason, the imminence of criminal proceedings, not to. Solicitors: Hunt Kidd,

Newcastle upon Tyne: Solicitor, Department of Health.

Liability for will

Esterhuizen and Another v Allied Dunbar Assurance ple The principle, that a person who took instructions from an intending testator for the drawing up of his will could be liable in negligence to an intended beneficiary under the proposed will where the loss of a legacy might reasonably be foreseen, applied to lay willwriters as well as to solicitors.

Mr Justice Longmore so held in the Queen's Bench Division. sitting at Winchester on May 18, when giving judgment for the plaintiffs, Brenda Esterhuizen, answer was not obvious whether a and her daughter. Tina

defendant Allied Furnbar Assurance plc, in respect of its willmaking service, as disputed beneficiaries in the will of David Ellis Dibden, which had only one HIS LORDSHIP said the duly

imposed by White v Jones (11995) 2 207) was not confined to Allied Dunbar had given the

impression that it was offering a similar will-making service to that of a solicitor and should not wish to be judged by a lesser standard than applied to solicitors.

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Whether actions involve the same parties insured, the owner and charterer

Drouot Assurances SA v Consolidated Metallurgical Industries (CMI Industrial Sites) and Others

Case C-351/96 Before C. Gulmann. President of Chamber and Judges M. Wathelet.

J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, D. A. O. Edward and L. Sevón Advocate General N. Fennelly

(Opinion January 15) Judgment May 19] Two actions, the parties to which

included, in one action, the insurer vessel's owner and charterer, were only actions involving the same parties, for the purposes of the Brussels Convention, if it was established that the interests of those parties were identical and The Fifth Chamber of the Court

of Justice of the European Communities so held on a reference by the Cour de Cassation. France, under the protocol of June 3, 1971 on the interpretation by the Court of Justice of the Brussels Convention of September 27, 1968 on Jurisdiction and the Enforcement of Judg-ments in Civil and Commercial Matters, for a preliminary ruling concerning article 21 of the Convention, as amended by the Convention of October 9, 1978 on the accession of Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom (OJ 1978)

L304, p77) and the Convention of October 25, 1982 on the Accession of Greece (OJ 1982 L388, pt). A barge carrying a cargo belong-ing to CMI from Rotterdam to a French port on the Rhine foun-dered in Netherlands inland

Drown, the insurer of the bull of the vessel, had it refloated at its own expense and brought proceed-ings in France against CMI, Protea, the insurer of the cargo, and GIE Reunion, Protea's agent, for payment of a sum set by the average adjuster as the contribution of CMI and Protea to the

general average. CMI and Protea raised a plea of lis alibi pendens on the ground that three months earlier they had brought proceedings in Rotterdam, for a declaration that they were not obliged to contribute to the general average, against a Mr Walbreed and a Mr Velghe, who were taken to be the owner and charterer of the vessel.

That plea was initially rejected on the ground, inter alia, that the parties to the two actions were not

action, but was successful on appeal on the ground that, it being accepted that Netherlands pro cedural rules restricted the opportunity for an insurer to be party to proceedings in which the insured was involved. Drouot was in fact present in the Netherlands the insured.

parties in the two cases not being "same parties", in the meaning of article 21 of the Brussels Convention, as amended, regard being

Article 21 of the Convention tween the same parties are brought in the courts of different contracting states, any court other than the court first seised shall of its own motion decline jurisdiction in favour of that court."

In its judgment the Fifth Cham-

ber of the Court of Justice held: The terms used in article 21, to determine whether a situation of lis alibi nendens arose, were to be regarded as independent, and that article required, as a condition of the obligation of the second court seised to decline jurisdiction, that the parties to the two actions be identical: Case C-406/92 Owners of Cargo on board Tatry v Owners of Maciej Rataj (The Times December 28, 1994; 1994) ECR 1-5439. paragraphs 30 and 33).

There could be such a degree of identity between the interests of an insurer and those of its insured that a judgment delivered against one of them would have the force of res judicata as against the other. That would be the case, inter alia, where an insurer, by virtue of its right of subrogation, brought or defended an action in the name of its insured without the latter being in a position to influence the

In such a situation, insurer and insured must be considered to be one and the same party for the purposes of the application of

asserted was the owner of the in the Netherlands action.

barge at the material time, declared exclusively liable for the foundering. For its part, Drougt, as the insurer merely of the hull of the vessel, took the view that it could not be held liable for the fault of its insured, and thus had no interest

application of article 21 could have

the effect of precluding the insurer

and its insured, where their in-

terests diverged, from asserting

their respective interests before the

courts as against the other parties.

Protea made clear that they sought

to have Mr Velghe, who they

In the present case, CMI and

Moreover, it appeared that, in the French action. Drouot was acting in the capacity, not as representative of its insured, but as a direct participant in the refloating of the barge.

It thus appeared that the interests of Drouot could not considered to be identical to and the national court to ascertain whether that was in fact the case. The existence or otherwise of the national procedural rule referred to was irrelevant to the solution of

of the vessel. However it was for

On those grounds the court ruled:

Article 21 of the Brussels Convention, as amended by the accession Conventions of 1978 and 1982, was not applicable in the case of two actions for contribution to general average, one brought by the in-surer of a vessel which had foundered against the owner and the insurer of the cargo which the essel was carrying when it sank, the other brought by the latter two parties against the owner and the charterer of the vessel, unless it was established that, with regard to the subject matter of the two disputes, the interests of the in-surer of the hull of the vessel were identical to and indissociable from those of its insured, the owner and

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VAT payable on counterfeit perfumes

Case C-3/97

Before M. Wathelet, President of Chamber and Judges D. A. O. Edward and P. Jann Advocate General P. Leger (Opinion March 12)

Value-added tax was payable ba the supply of counterfeit perfumes. The First Chamber of the Court of Justice of the European Communities so held on a reference under article 177 of the EC Treaty by the Court of Appeal, Criminal Division.

The defendants, John Charles Goodwin and Edward Thomas Unstead, were charged with the fraudulent evasion of VAT, con-trary to section 72 of the Value Added Tax Act 1994, in that Mr Goodwin had purchased and sold counterfeit perfume products without being registered for VAT, and Mr Unstead had participated in the manufacture and sale of

referred for a preliminary ruling the question whether, on the proper construction of article 2 of the Sixth Council Directive 77/388/EEC of May 17, 1977 on the harmonisation of the laws of the member States relating to lurnover taxes: common system of value added tax: uniform basis of assessment (OJ 1977 L145 pl), the supply of counterfeit perfume products fell within the scope of the Directive.

tax: (I) the supply of goods or services effected for consideration within the territory of the country by a taxable person acting as such; (2) the importation of goods. In its judgment the First Cham-ber of the Court of Justice held:

The Sixth Directive was based on the principle of fiscal neutrality. which, as regarded the levying of VAT, precluded a generalised differentiation between lawful and uniawful transactions, except characteristics of certain products, all competition between a lawful

Article 2 provides: "The follow-ing shall be subject to value added

([193] ECR I-4677, paragraph 16). The defendants submitted that.

since there was no lawful market in counterfeit perfumes, the case fell within the scope of that exception: in the United Kingdom, not only would a contract for the sale of counterfeit perfumes be void for illegality, but such sales would also infringe a variety of ntellectual property rights.

The Court had ruled in three

the unlawful importation, or supply for consideration within a member state, of drugs which were not confined within strictly controlled economic channels for medical and scientific purposes, and, in a fourth case, that the reasoning in those cases applied a fortiori to imports of counterfeit

Unlawful imports or supplies of such goods, release of which into the economic and commercial channels of the Community was by definition absolutely precluded and which could give rise only to penalties under the criminal law. were wholly alien to the Sixth

That line of cases thus concerned goods which, because of their intrinsic nature and special characteristics, could not be placed on the market or incorporated into

The goods in the present case did not come within that category.

Although transactions involving counterfeit products infringed

rights of third parties, and such prohibition was conditional, and not absolute as in the case of narcotics or counterfeit currency. The prohibition was therefore

Moreover, the possibility of com-petition between counterfeit prod-

On those grounds the Court

article 3 of the Sixth Directive, VAT was payable on the supply of

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Parliament to have constructed since there was no dismissal there clear, straightforward and workable statutory provisions. As it The right to return to work was, the workings of the Act were. provisions were contained in secunless it was purposively construed, likely to cause injustice to woman had the requisite period of employment, as the applicant did. some pregnant women. The structure of the part of the Act concerned with maternity rights was to ensure that the

nployee who was pregnant and

the employer who would be responsible for paying maternity

pay had sufficient communication

make sensible arrangements for a

return to work.

with each other so that they might

The detailed provisions were

complex and the only advice which

the appeal tribunal could offer

industrial tribunals was that they

arrived at conclusions which gave

effect to the purpose of the legisla-

tion and which seemed to them to be just and sensible.

In the present case the industrial

tribunal had allowed itself to be

persuaded to a conclusion which

was manifestly unfair to the ap-plicant and which did not sensibly

The tribunal had been con-

cerned about whether notification

reflect the policy of the Act.

she had remained employed in it throughout the leave period. The question was whether the "information that she intended to exercise the right ito return to was nothing in section 80(1) which said it must be, but the employee must "include" it with the information which itself was remitted to be in writing. Could information provided orally be included with information required to be in

tions 79 to 85 of the 1996 Act. If a

job she previously held as though

Mr Kallipetis accepted that the legislation was confusing and unclear. It was obviously regrettable that that should be so with lation that conferred valuable and important legal protection rights on a vulnerable group of people.

the employers replied that they would be unable to re-employ her The industrial tribunal held that because the applicant had not said when she notified her employers of

general right to maternity leave. By section 75(1) an employee did not have that right unless within certain dates she informed her

right to return to work. Section 80 provides: "(I) An

employee does not have the right conferred by section 79 unless she includes with the information required by section 75(1) the information that she intends to exercise that right. Mr Michel Kallinetis, OC, who did not appear below, for the

applicant: the employers did not appear and were not represented. MR JUSTICE MORISON said that the applicant did not tell anyone that she was pregnant until shortly before the birth on

July 19, 1996. On that day her

father took the confinement certificate to her employers. The certificate did not state that the applicant wished to return to his daughter not to worry about

lost the right to return.

work after her maternity leave. He was told by the employers to tell wrote saying she would like to return to work in December but

The legislation was designed to give effect to the United Kingdom's European Community obligations under Council Directive 92/85/EEC (OJ 1992 L348/1). Article 10 required member

It found that since she did not

her pregnancy and the fact that she wished to take maternity leave that she wanted to return to work, she beginning of their pregnancy to the

states to take necessary measures to prohibit the dismissal of workers during the period from the

have the right to return she could not have been dismissed and that

end of their maternity leave. It would not have been difficult for Transfer of undertaking

> Court of Justice of the European Communities had referred to its earlier decision in Schmidt v Sparund Leihkasse der früheren Amter Bordes holm. Keil und Bordesholm. Keil und Cronshagen (Case C-392/92) (1995) ICR 237) without any indica-

> change in emphasis. Neither the presence nor the absence of any one factor would demonstrate that a transfer had or had not occurred. It was a question of looking at

1977 L61/26). Put another way, the transfer of an activity was a necessary but not a sufficient condition for a transfer or goodwill was neither a nec-essary nor a sufficient condition.

In Schmidt the cleaning operation was a discrete and ancillary part of the employer's business. When the employer disposed of that business the plaintiff lost her job. But, if a contract cleaning company with many clients lost one to a competitor, its core business still remained.

It was not possible to state with precision the factors which differentiated the one situation from the other, but one distinction was that in Schmidt the plaintiff was, and was dedicated to the employer's cleaning business, whereas employees of a contract cleaning company were not likely to be dedicated in that way. So, the loss of a customer might not of itself bring about a situation in which dedicated and identified

staff lost their employment. The Directive did not aim to protect employees from the chill wind of redundancy; it did seek to protect them when the business to which they were dedicated had been transferred and a new employer had come on the scene.

in Süzen (at p671, paragraph 16) the Court of Justice had contrasted

in loss of contract within the 1981 Regulations. It was important to note that in Süzen the losing a customer with a service industry ceasing fully to exist. The industrial tribunal had considered that very issue and held that without the VAG contract

> distinguished the case from a mere tion that it required modification. loss of a customer. When properly understood, there was no conflict between the If ECM had taken on the drivers and yardmen there could have been no argument but that there decisions in Schmidt and Süzen, although there might have been a was a transfer of a discrete economic entity which retained its identity after the transfer.

> because they were asserting that the 1981 Regulations applied and were threatening proceedings on the facts and keeping an eye on the purpose of the protection given by Council Directive 77/187/EEC (OJ that basis. An obvious inference was that thereby ECM hoped to defeat their claims. The question arose, therefore, whether it was possible for a

transferee to cause the regulations to be disapplied by refusing to take on the workforce. Süzen did not expressly deal with that situation. But a purposive approach to interpretation should be adopted to give effect to the United Kingdom's obligations. It would not be proper for a transferee to be able to control the

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ment for the drivers and vardmen.

The tribunal found that ECM did not take on the men precisely

extent of his obligations by refus-ing to comply with them in the first The continued employment of the applicants was contingent on the continued existence of the VAG contract. As such there was an economic entity as distinct from a mere activity, and it retained its identity after the transfer: the customers were essentially the same and the work done was

essentially the same.
The industrial tribunal had asked the right questions and applied the law as understood both before and after Süzen and Betts. anticipating the distinction drawn in Suzen between the transfer of an activity and the transfer of an undertaking, and between the loss

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intellectual property rights, any consequential prohibition was linked not to the nature or essential characteristics of the products, but to their detrimental impact on the

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ucts and lawfully traded goods could not be ruled out in a case such as the present, in so far as there was a lawful market in perfume products on which counterfeit goods had a specific impact Accordingly, such goods. unlike narcotics or counterfeit currency, could not be regarded as extra commercium,

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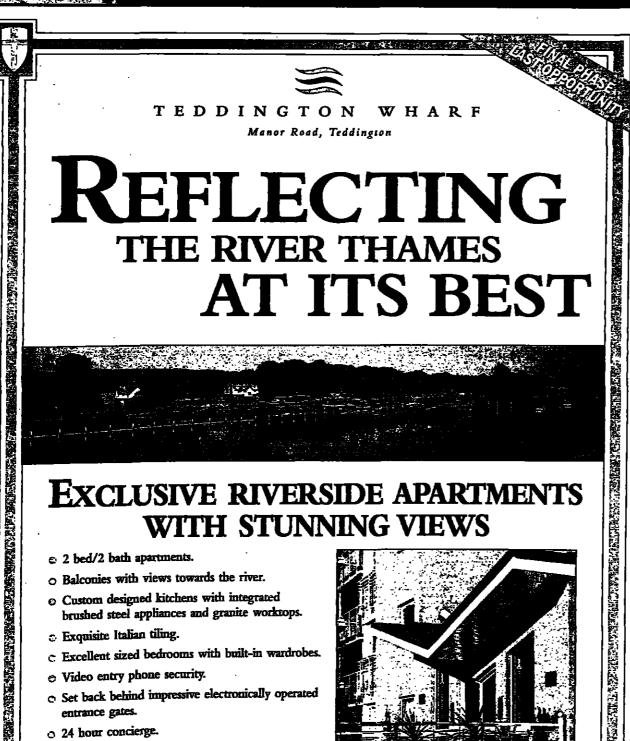
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and most big distributors are

still unwilling to take a risk. Christopher Bailey, head of

distribution at Polygram UK.

had a rare success with When

We Were Kings. But he says

there is no market for docu-

mentaries, and he would be incredibly wary of taking on another. He has a point.

According to a recent report,

in the past four decades only

five have taken more than

£100,000 at the box office in

Britain (the most successful, In

Bed With Madonna, is the

only one to have passed El

million), and only 20 have

A few smaller distributors

ly. Will Clarke of the Feature

Film Company, responsible for Wild Man Blues and

Hoop Dreams, thinks that

with sympathetic marketing there is a viable niche market

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earned more than £10,000.



Alek Keshishian's In Bed With Madonna: an American documentary that took £1 million at the British box office

They do sell, as a matter of fact

hen did you last see a British documentary at the cinema? The answer is most likely never. Even if you wanted to - and many are turned off by the mere mention of the D-word - you probably couldn't. Few are made; even fewer released.

A few years ago this would have been no cause for surprise. Fiction ruled, and feature documentaries were rarely given a public viewing. The increasingly youth-ob-sessed British film industry had no time for anything so risky and, well, boring. We had enough reality already. thank you. Cinemas were for escaping into easy emotions and spectacular effects.

Now the cinema has grown up again. Amid the sinking ships, exploding comets and rampaging monsters, real life is slowly edging back. Yet it is still not our life. American non-fiction features, always common currency in big-city cinemas in the United States. have cornered the market here too. So why are our cinemas, in terms of factual films, a British-free zone? One popular view holds that

we are simply not glamorous enough for our own liking. Certainly, many successful American documentaries have traded on famous names (In Bed With Madonna or the Muhammad Ali film When We Were Kings), or controversy (Sick, an explicit record of the masochistic performance artist Bob Flanagan), or both. most recently in Barbara Kopple's portrait of Woody Allen's music and marriage. Wild Man Blues.

But more than a few recent hits have performed the alchemist's miracle and turned seemingly unpromising raw material into cinematic gold. Take the 1990 film Roger & Me, in which people's champion Michael Moore cheekily pits his shambolic David against the well-groomed Goliath of corporate America. Moore's attempt to doorstep the chairman of General Motors and pose some uncomfortable questions would seem to place his film in the deeply unfashionable tradition of the social-issue documentary.

in fact. Roger & Me refresh-

Film documentaries are popular and profitable in America, but

shunned here. Nigel Cliff asks why

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ingly eschews the impersonal style associated with the genre ever since the British documentaries of the Thirties, when John Grigson, the man responsible for the D-word. famously pronounced that "I look on cinema as a pulpit". Moore's film is more barroom brayado than solemn sermon, and it popularised a whole sub-genre in which the film-maker turns star.

Even more innovative have been such unlikely successes as the engrossing account of the creation of a single painting in The Quince Tree Sun. the dazzling pianist biography
Thirty Two Short Films About Glenn Gould, and

the 1994 basketball epic Hoop Dreams, which proved that documentaries are capable of supporting narratives as complex and compelling as anything in fiction.

If there are subto the jects aplenty, there are also talented cinema 7 film-makers to match

award-winning British documentarians Nick Broomfield, Paul Watson or Molly Dineen, to name but three. But their work is nearly always confined to the small screen (the exception is Broomfield's impending first teature, Kurt and Courtney, its subject, inevitably, is American). And the small screen. according to many, is the culprit. Not only does it provide a steady diet of documentaries itself, but it has also narrowed our perception of what a documentary is

"Television." says Dick Funtaine, head of documentary direction at the National Film and Television School and a leading campaigner for bigscreen documentaries, "has trashed the documentary." This he puts down to its insatiable and undiscerning appetite for cheap time-fillers such as the ubiquitous docusoaps, which he dimisses as

"Mickey Mouse work". But even where television is more ambitious - he cites the BBC's Storpville as a standard-setter Fontaine believes that it is incapable of exploiting the form's potential. Documentaries, the argument goes, rely on the observation of unexpecied nuances or details, often caught in shadow or the corner of the frame. Television. Fontaine says, can only make "broad strokes and

crude points". If this seems harsh - documentary-makers, after all, take the television shilling -Fontaine is not alone in his view. Nick Broomfield has

said that documentaries made for the cinema need to search for "a more epic quality, thematically and visually" than those for television. And a recent session of the Sheffield Documentary Festival was titled Documentary's Dead Without The Big

In the United States, where television has long neglected the documentary, Fontaine says that filmmakers are forced to make films fit for the screen. It is hard to imagine British TV throwing up anything as consistently imaginative as Al Pacino's 1996 film Looking For Richard, which addresses the problems and pleasures of watching and playing Shakespeare by interweaving performance, rehearsal, research

and discussion. Of course, without Pacino's name the film might never have seen the light of day. But Fontaine thinks populism is no bad thing. "We don't want to be making arty-farty films that 14 people in Soho Square want to see," he says, "We should tell people something about the world that they might actually want to hear." But to find an audience.

films must first find a cinema,

ish film a few years ago," he says. But even Clarke is wary of the British product. o is there a big-screen future for British nonfiction films, as we should perhaps call them? Roger Shannon, head of production at the BFI, would like to help. The BFI aims to part-fund one feature documentary a year: its current project is the story of Cecil Williams, a white South African theatre director who was arrested in the Sixties while touring the country (with Nel-

son Mandela posing as his

chauffeur) to promote the armed struggle. But the BFI is

strapped for cash and most of its fund is aimed at fiction. Inevitably, people look to the lottery for help. But the Government's mind is elsewhere in a land where The Full Monty reigns. A prominent group of documentarymakers applied for one of the lottery-funded commercial film production franchises but was turned down; the promise of a non-commercial franchise came to nothing. Amid all the hoopla over the more fashionable end of the British film industry, it looks as if the poor old documentary is in danger

of being forgotten again.

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CHANGING TIMES

Andy Lavender on the Cumbrian arts initiative that transformed a town

Lanterns in the Lakes

of Cumbria is the small town of Ulverston (pop. 12,000), where you will find one of Britain's most venerable arts outlits. Engineers of the Imagination — better known as Welfare State Inter-national. The very names evoke the heady days of political and alternative arts in the Sixties and Seventies. Which makes it all the more notable that WSI should have survived the frosty Thatcher era and redefined itself so intriguingly over the past decade.
Founded in 1968 by a team

including current mentors

John Fox and Sue Gill, WSI has been a street theatre company, a touring cavalcade, the purveyor of carnivalesque agitprop and the organiser of festivals, spectacles, proces-sions and ceremonies. There have been residencies in America. Canada and Australia. Some of the work has involved thousands of participants. One event during the group's seven-year residency in Barrow-in-Furness attracted more than 15,000 people. Around 15 years ago Fox and Gill decided to concentrate on "vernacular" projects: com-munity art geared around secular rituals — hence the "how to" books on organising funeral ceremonies (published) and domestic ceremonies (forthcoming) — and local celebrations involving the burghers of Ulversion. The com-

remarkable. Let us take, first. Ulverston's annual lantern festival, instituted by WSI in 1983, which attracts a turnout of more than 6,000 people. Last year's event featured three separate processions which met at the town's

pany's sway in this Lakeland

town on the edge of England is

staged a spectacle featuring fortnight was kicked off, of fire models ("That's a greencourse, by another procession featuring two different bands. house with wings," says Fox. WSI's artistic director, as he shows me the slides), fireworks and Cuban-inspired music played by the town band. One local resident wrote approvingly that the festival "is gloriously free of commercialism; there is no outside sponsorship, nobody is trying to sell us anything". In fact everything is resolutely hand-

horse and carriage. Earlier this year WSI helped to organise the town's first Flag and Banner Festival. Shops and businesses flew their own flags, designed by children. A number of more extravagant standards were

made, from the smallest lan-

tern to the large illuminated

model of a Morecambe Bay

Light, fire, emblems and music. You can see how WSI taps into the most evocative The townspeople of Ulver-ston are now gathering wind for their second annual Comedy Festival, which in part commemorates Stan Laurel. the town's celebrated son. "It's a kind of variety show of street acts." Fox explains. "We're trying to do more home-grown

comedy, so we do a week of workshops in the evenings and then put something on. It's starting small but it will develop its own momentum." This rash of festivities is partly strategic. Galvanised by WSI's efforts, the town council plans to turn



Earlier this year Welfare State International helped to organise Ulverston's first Flag and Banner Festival

festival centre, to which end it has appointed a former member of WSI as its new festivals officer. Meanwhile, the builders are at work on WSI's the Lantern House (Centre for the Celebratory Arts), a conversion of a former church school opposite the Stan Laurel Inn. The project costs £2.2 million, three quarters of which is provided by National Lottery

funding.

The development features a new block to house artists in residence. There is a garden with a storytelling area (a raised earth circle) with space for a bonfire in the middle. The main building includes rooms for exhibitions, lectures, desk-top publishing and music, along with offices and other facilities. The adjoining barn, which now nestles under a swooping roof, provides a large performing space with a "shadow screen" at one end. Inventive ceremonies have already marked various stages

of the site's development. Who will work in these salubrious surroundings when the Lantern House opens next spring? "It's for people who have a sense of exploring, as artists or scientists," says Fox. There might be town planners, or physicists. It is a question of putting people together and seeing what comes out. But there is a context for it. I see the artist's and creator's role as servicing the community, and I think our job is to train cultural thinkers who can work together across disciplines.

◆ The Ulverston Comedy Festival takes place this Saturday. The Lantern Festival takes place on September 19. For details of WSI's work and publications phone

GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament

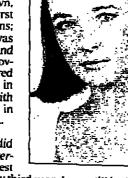
GILLIAN REVIE

Age: 27

Profession: Ballet dancer

Road to Covent Garden: It began in Bangor, Co Down, where she was born. First came Irish dancing lessons; three years in a row she was junior Northern Ireland champion. Then she discovered ballet. At 11 she entered the Royal Ballet School in London. She got a job with the Royal Ballet in 1988; in 1995 she became a soloist.

So things went well? "I did Mary Vetsera in Mayer-



ting" — one of the sexiest parts in all ballet — "in my third year. I was still in the corps de ballet. It was a huge challenge." And a huge success.

But then things started to go wrong: "MacMillan died. I don't know what would have happened if he had lived." It was MacMillan, after all, who had cast Revie when she was an unknown. Then there was a nasty injury and she was off for nine months. "That really set me back. It is only in the past couple of years that I have been getting back to the good work again." Last year she starred in Anastasia. another big MacMillan role. And in July at the Coliseum. Revie dances Lescaut's Mistress in his Manon.

Ballet is a dangerous profession: "It was last year. I was dancing The Judas Tree with Irek Mukhamedov. It was all going really well until he caught my eye with his finger and took the top layer off my cornea. I did the rest of the piece completely blinded. At that point I was out of control: I was being pushed around by all those boys so I could hide the fact that I was in agony and couldn't see."

How is the closure of Covent Garden affecting the dancers? "It's quite hard for us having these block performances. We are so used to dancing throughout the whole year, it's strange being in training for two months. But the company is looking pretty hot: everybody is just desperate to get on that stage at the Barbican on Monday." Which is when the Royal's next London season opens.

Homecoming queen: In November the Royal Ballet performs at the opera house in Belfast, the first time the company has been to Northern Ireland. "That's going to be exciting for me, the only Irish dancer in the Royal Ballet."

DEBRA CRAINE

You'll believe time can fly

OPERA: The Coliseum is staging a Jules Verne story. Hilary Finch reports

magine it if you will: a small 19th-century community, sleepy to the point of comatose, where a single pace propels you forward just 13 inches per second; where betrothals last for 30 years; and where Figaro's first aria from The Barber of Seville takes 58 minutes to perform. Then one day an Inventor arrives. On the philanthropic pretext of improving the town's life with electric lighting, he injects it with a dose of oxyhydric gas.

An entire opera is over in ten minutes: Bills are rushed through parliament: relationships torn asunder: troops amassed. Lento becomes prestissimo overnight. And then there's a huge explosion. All this will happen at English National Opera on Monday.

The novelist who journeyed to the centre of the earth and sped round the world in 80 days has, in his little-known novella, Dr Ox's Experiment. been bewitching a composer, a librettist, a director and a designer for ten years. The composer Gavin Bryars, who has been seduced by Jules Verne for three decades, wrote a short chamber work called Doctor Ox's Experiment (Epilogue) for Valdine Anderson in 1988: on Monday the Canadian soprano makes her ENO debut singing the young lover Suzel, as the entire ghastly tale is unfolded. She will survive that apocalyptic explosion. and have the last word . . .

To discover what that could possibly be, I tracked down the writer Blake Morrison, whom Bryars chose as his librettist. Gavin had read some of my poems. Maybe he thought that, as a fellow Yorkshireman, we tykes could work together!" Just as Bryars had found irresistible the notion of an opera about the manipulation of time, so Morrison, who has written about the Yorkshire Ripper and the Bulger case, was strongly drawn to the exploration of the social implications of scientific progress within Verne's play-ful yet dark fantasy.

There are obvious parallels, for instance, with the year 1989. I always remember Vaclay Havel saving that. when the doors opened and the light flooded in, people were dazzled, and stumbled around not knowing what they were doing." But neither Bryars nor Morrison wanted to be too explicit. "There's enough of the scholar in Gavin for him to feel reluctant to limit the work, to violate a writer he so reveres." Verne's little town of Quiquendone is.



Riccardo Simonetti. suspended high over the Coliseum stage, prepares for his role as Ygène in Gavin Bryars's opera, Doctor Ox's Experiment

after all, Nowheresville. "It existed." Verne wrote, "in spite geographies.

Has Morrison attempted in his libretto to recreate anything of Verne's own laconic tone of voice, his dry wordplay? The burgomaster, we are told, "wore nothing out, not even himself." Morrison has certainly echoed Verne in plenty of his own bons mots. And one scene in particular

caught his fancy. In an exquisite verbal vignette. Verne evokes a picture of the two lovers Suzel and Frantz sitting on the riverbank, endlessly waiting out their 30-year engagement. Suzel draws a needle back and forth across a canvas; Frantz passes his fishing line slowly left to right right to left. Full of erotic potential," says Morrison.

If the sounding out of silence, the verbalising of the unspoken is enough of a dilemma, then designer Michael Levine's task of visualising the invisible will surely be the biggest challenge of all. For a

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start, he has had to work with virtually no idea of how the music sounds. Usually you listen to the CD of the opera, then in rehearsal you experience a kind of deconstruction of the music. Here it's opposite. There's no record-

gas? 🤊 ing, so we're slowly constructing the music. And Atom Egoyan, the director, and I are they are for the first time." trying to second guess its

In this atmosphere the presence of an invisible gas plays a somewhat crucial role. "That's what I call a real design problem. Of course, what you have to show is its effects, its power." But trying to tease the secrets out of a designer is a conjuring trick in itself. Can we expect any real magic? "Well. let's

say that a certain kind of revelation will take place, both for those on stage and in the audi-Enlightenence." ment could you say? Levine's saturnine basso profundo drops an octave: "Let's just say that the sense of reality changes. People will see things as

The tenor Bonaventura Bottone, the great Dr Ox himself, is a little less discreet. His schoolboy eyes light up as he imagines a chemistry set which, three weeks into re-

hearsal, is by no means com-

plete. "I was rather hoping I could be a real Wizard of Oz. I've been thinking of things like bending light with a teatray: using a decanter as a prism; even creating the absence of light by the juxtaposition of red and green."

Bottone has also been relishing his double-act with his accomplice and — who knows? alter ego, the cautious Ygène, to be sung by Riccardo Simonetti. James Holmes, conducting, has been watching them with amusement. They really could be brothers! Maybe they are Jekyll and Hyde. Ygène really is Dr Ox's conscience."

The subtlety and tensions of Bryars's vocal and orchestral "casting" fascinate Holmes, "but the most striking thing about the score is the sheer quantity of slow music. All those long, long lines, with enormous phrases. When you

take it into a space like the Coliseum, how on earth do you make it work? The cast has had to change their entire approach to phrasing, and to what they do with words. In Quiquendone, after all, you can start a sentence, and the point of it may well come half a minute later!"

The ambiguities within the shifting tensions of Bryars's music intrigue Holmes, "Look at the ending. Suzel says things are back to normal, but the music suggests otherwise." Valdine Anderson knows that, as Suzel, she will survive the great explosion, but be changed for ever. "We're still trying to find a way to interpret that, to express it physically." So is there life after Dr Ox? Watch this space.

● Doctor Ox's Experiment will be performed at the Coliseum on June 15, 20, 24, 30 and July 3 (017)-

Th-th-th-that's all terrific, folks

DISGUSTED of Tunbridge Wells would not have been pleased to hear that the South Bank was playing host to the world's most famous rabbit. Could this be the last word in all-American dumbing-down? Not really. No one could hear the Royal Philharmonic Con-cert Orchestra accompany these old Warner Brothers cartoons without admiring the astute marriage of music and animation. This is film scoring

of a high order.
In the cartoons, New World vigour meets Old World sophistication, symbolised by the scene in which Bugs Bunny disguises himself as Leopold Stokowski. The unsettling thought struck me that a modern-day producer who thought of likewise sending up Wagner and Liszt probably would not get past the focus groups.

Conductor George Daugherty has enjoyed enormous success with these concerts in America. Plenty of children turned out for the London premiere, but it was just as much an occasion for adults. What's Opera, Doc?, the fam-ous spoof of The Ring, received another airing, as did the even sharper reworking of The Barber of Seville. But Daugherty had also unearthed more obscure shorts. including an inspired version of The Blue Danube in which

CONCERTS Bugs Bunny on Broadway Festival Hall

a drunken crochet sends the

waltz off-course. Headphones plugged in, the orchestra skated through the scores. The more serious interludes took the form of straight performances of some of the source material, including a Pops confection entitled Morning, Noon and Night in Vienna. Daugherty's all too brief account of the history of the studios and the role of the synchronised "click" track was

rather more pertinent. His pot shots directed at rival Disney's musical values were not entirely fair. The modern films may be dull, but look how many fine tunes are crammed into, say, Dumbo. At the end of the show we all

had a chance to join in an ovation in honour of the late Mel Blanc, man of many voices. And we even had a chance to hear the pedal steel guitar demonstrate the rubber band-like "twang" at the beginning of the Merrie Melodies theme. Now that is what I call a masterclass.

CLIVE DAVIS

Surface flaws

THE famous portrait of the wild, bearded Mussorgsky bears a remarkable resemblance to Valery Gergiev. Already a legendary figure, personally responsible for sav-ing the Kirov Opera, Gergiev's role in reviving Russian music cannot be underestimated. And hundreds of people came to hear this maestro of music theatre conduct Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition and Stravinsky's Rite of Spring. But did they hear all that he had to bring to these works? For Gergiev is also the ultimate modern jet-setting conductor with a notorious schedule, and the Phil-

harmonia is not an orchestra he has yet worked with extensively: there were unmistakable cracks in this reading of Pictures, and some ragged ensemble made for a strangely burdened Rite. The Philharmonia did not

always seem prepared to go to the extremes suggested by Gergiev. The opening *Prome* nade had an unassuming, even laid-back gait and bass brass dragged in Gnome, but the performance gradually gathered pace and focus. Ravel's inspired orchestration is endlessly fascinating.

from the soulful saxophone and euphonium solos to the tubular bells. He opened up an aural exhibition of such rich fantasy that Hartmann's original drawings seem absurdly inadequate as artistic inspiration. Only perhaps his

Gergiev/ Philharmonia Festival Halb

design for the Great Gate of Kiev bears some relation to this masterly piece of triumphal music, and here it was a ravishing climax. From a conductor of ballet one would have expected to find a Rite that danced, but this reading was strangely heavy, leaving one with as strong an impres-sion of melancholy as of the expected exhilaration. Opening winds

rhythmic tension and, again, t took a while for the ensemble to settle. Stravinksy, the ultimate anti-Romantic, famously removed many of his original expression marks from this score and its compelling power as a concert piece lies in the vitality of its rhythms and the cool precision of the playing. But Gergiev found a stillness at this ballet's heart, and a mournfulness, which weighed on the performance. Nevertheless, his snapping between tempi revealed glimpses of high drama and he held the final rest for a breathtaking number of beats before going in for the kill. What London cries out for is a production of the ballet. The question is, how long must we wait?

HELEN WALLACE

Warming to a rare Rossini

for a country house. Garsington Manor opened its tenth season with Rossini's early comedy. La pietra del paragone, in which tests of fidelity are played out on the property of the bachelor Count Asdrubale, justly suspicious of his sponging guests. Finally he is put to the test himself and comes out with credit.

Cosi it is not. But the 20year-old Rossini graced a shambles of a libretto, which comes to a halt at the end of Act I and has to be kick-started back into life, with one of his most disarming scores. Rossinians can spot the germs of more famous operas to come: the storm of Barbiere, the gold-digging sisters of Cenerentola. Less sophisticated souls can simply enjoy the young entertainer expertly manipulating Italian comedy. When Glyndebourne put on

the piece 30 years ago it was widely (and justly) condemned for being teutonicised by Gunter Rennert Garsington makes no such mistake. The Italian production team of Stefano Vizioli and Susanna Rossi Jost play it as a Goldoni farce. She has provided handsome costumes and visual gags in plenty; he keeps the action niftily spinning around Garsington's pretty terrace

surrounded his two lovers with grotesques. The most successful is the venal journalist Macrobio, who has a marvellous patter song on the art of taking backhanders for putting the right news in and keeping the wrong news out. The young Italian baritone Riccardo

stage. It verges on pantomime, but no maner, for Rossini

La pietra del paragone Garsington

Novaro put it across with real panache. He was well bal-anced by Paolo Rumerz as the poet Pacuvio, who cannot persuade anyone to listen to his verses and has a nasty time in the woods during a thunderstorm. With the trees bent double at Garsington on opening night this scarcely needed visual illustration.

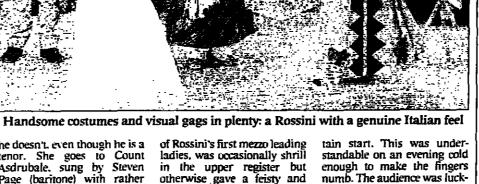
The most eloquent singing came from Charles Workman. expert Rossinian, as the more reputable poet, Giocondo. He handled with much grace the long and demanding Act II aria in which Giocondo laments that he is never going to

hard tone but a properly wary eye on those around him. Patricia Bardon as Clarice, the

he doesn't, even though he is a tenor. She goes to Count Asdrubale, sung by Steven Page (baritone) with rather

of Rossini's first mezzo leading ladies, was occasionally shrill in the upper register but otherwise gave a feisty and well-judged musical per-

Anthony Peebles got the orchestra going after an uncer-



ier, they now have under-seat

JOHN HIGGINS

Dramatic impact lost by the score

A NEW opera based on Genet's psychological thriller The Maids has been premiered in Hammersmith to round off the Lyric Theatre's special season of music theatre. So much about the show is brilliant that its one major blot is doubly disappointing: in a series where the idea is of staged music, it's ironic that The Maids emerges as musicked drama, with the librettist and producer Olivia Fuchs's strong theatrical input blunted by John Lunn's directionless score.

Central to the conception of the piece. a co-production between Theatre Works. ENO's Contemporary Opera Studio and the Lyric itself.

The Maids Lyric, Hammersmith

object of their desires and one

was the possibility of having the maids Solange and Claire played by the brothers Nigel and Christopher Robson. No one who knows the work of either the tenor or countertenor will be surprised that they give extraordinarily powerful performances, but the effect of their double act is still a little startling. Genet's original idea may have been to have the maids played by men, yet even he cannot have reckoned on two such similarlooking brothers taking up

Role-play and illusion are central here, so having two brothers play two sisters who in turn pretend to be maid and mistress is an idea rich in possibilities. The Robsons carry off that idea with dignity and humour. There is nothing camp about their performances as they evoke all the unhappy pair's moods. moving from pathetic squab-Fuchs's production cap-

bling to touching tenderness. tures grippingly the way in which the uncontrolled and morbid fantasies of the two sisters are twisted into crime and ultimately murder. Rae Smith's simple set serves well: a black box filled with chaiseiongue and dressing table.

At least the vocal lines are singable, even the slightly more neurotic writing for Madame, whose part inspires another outstanding perfor-mance from the mezzo Emma Selway. But the lines are like jazzed-up and watered-down Britten, and the accompaniments could come out of a television score. Lunn shows that he can write a tango but not music that is psychologically penetrating. Despite the best efforts of the conductor Dominic Wheeler and a chamber orchestra drawn from ENO, the music dragged rather than drove the

Turkish delighting

John's, Smith Square -OSJ, as they call themselves — have for years seemed comfortably English: small-scale, unhyped, named after a deconsecrated Westminster church and neighbour to Tory Central Office. Last year the OSJ became Oxford's first resident orchestra.

So it was with some amazement that I learnt that the OSJ were to play in Trabzon, an obscure town on Turkey's Black Sea coast, close to the Russian border. No Western classical orchestra has gone there before.

For many, Trabzon is better known as Trebizond. With the Crusader sacking of Constan-tinople in 1204, a Byzantine prince relocated the heart of the empire to this Black Sea. port, which lay on the Silk Route and boasted beautiful princesses. This allure, along with numerous frescoed churches, lent the medieval city a reputation second only to Constantinople's.

In Rose Macaulay's 1956 novel, The Towers of Trebizond, the allure has vanished: Trebizond has gone, becoming Trabzon, with a black, squalid beach, and full of those who do not know the past, or that it ever was Trebizond and a Greek empire, and women muffled up and hiding their faces, and the Byzantine churches mostly turned into mosques ... or used for army stores."

Today. Trabzon is even more ramshackle, smothered by what look like half-built multistorey car parks. As Clive Gobbie, director of Turkey's British Council, which was behind the orchestra's trip, put it: "It's private enterprise on the march. It will put Trabzon back on the map."

For John Lubbock, the OSJ's JOHN ALLISON | founder and director, coming ously asks for British music."

An English orchestra

brings the best of British to the Black Sea

to Turkey is really a continuation of a trip the orchestra made four years ago: "We were in Romania and Bulgaria and due to go on to Turkey. but it didn't happen. But contact with the British Council was made and here we are."

Lubbock, a tall, rangy figure, has led his orchestra since its inception 31 years ago with a single-mindedness he admits has verged on the unworldly. He has never courted the media and makes few recordings. His gifted freelancers do not expect high wages and clearly do not mind going to strange places.

One of the violinists, who only two weeks before had been playing for Madonna, said: "Why on earth would we drop everything to come and play in Turkey for four nights? It's John. He's special to play

for — no ego."
Still, the OSJ's funding has been a persistent problem: the orchestra nearly went under in 1984, after a cheque bounced in Rome. Today, the band excel in educational work at home and imaginative programming on their foreign tours. Their three-pronged Turkish tour - two nights in Ankara, one in Istanbul. one in Trabzon — included pieces by Stephen Montague, John Woolrich and Nicholas Maw, contemporary composers who have all had close relationships with the OSJ.

The British Council obvi-

says Lubbock, "but I was surprised by how much modern stuff they wanted."

The concert itself in Trabzon's University was a first not only for the locals but for the OSJ too. On a stage under one of Ataturk's slogans — "I'm proud to say I'm a Turk" — the 20-strong ensemble suffered a sudden diminution of lighting halfway through Stephen Montague's complex, vibrant hoedown piece, Snakebite, which apparently made the scores indecipherable.

mong the late arrivals was Trabzon's gover-Anor. accompanied by an army of security hunks. People were still arriving half an hour later. Loud applause between movements in the Mozart and Haydn elicited a pained observation from a Turkish Cypriot lady, "Please don't mention this habit. This music is not in our culture."

The encore undoubtedly was. Lubbock had tried out a piece from the Turkish composer Istemihan Taviloglu's Anatolian Suites in Ankara and it went down a storm. In Trabzon the audience, mainly students, was rapturous. The high status accorded the

OSJ's visit was apparent at Trabzon's swishest hotel, where a lavish post-concert dinner was hosted by the governor. He had passed over couple of ministers just arrived from Ankara in favour of the orchestra. Later, back at the bar-less hotel and spoiling for a party, the musicians were quite unaware of this. Wheedling alcohol out of room service in this Muslim backwater was one of Lubbock's more taxing operations in years. As the off-colour jokes flew, the Turkish bellboy had no idea what had hit him.

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A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargle

tor the recpening of the Jubilee Hall in 1980 James Robert Carson directs this new production performed by the British-Pears Opens and Orchestra. Michael Rosswall conducts Snape Maltinge, Suifolk (01728 453543). Tonight-Fri, 7 30pm.

CAMBRIDGE Between a Rock and a Hard Place starts a four-month tour for a new kind of Footights show, directed by Cal McCrystal, noted for mealist joility at Edinburgh



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THE RINK: Gey Soper and Gillian Kindpatrick play mother and daughter in the Kander & Ebb musical about roller ating and family disputes John andyne directs Orange Tree, Carence Street, Richmond (0181-940 3633) Mon-Sat 7 45pm, mats Thur (May 28, June 4), 2,30pm, Sat, 4pm Uniti July 4, (§) IN SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER: The film musical on stage: snake-hipped Adam Gardia plays the chap with his arm in the air Blasting mikes

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

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Diamonds from coal

hanky. Dad? To the dismay of Danny's son, yes, it is. The former miner whose life's work is conducting the Grimley Colliery Brass Band has become nowt but coal-dust lung-wise. And was that damp on our hankies. fellow theatregoers? After listening to Danny's troupers play Land of Hope and Glory. in melancholy tribute to the nation that had watched while their jobs and community disappeared, you bet it was.

Paul Allen's fine adaptation of Mark Herman's film comes from the Crucible in Sheffield

THEATRE Brassed Off Olivier

and involves men who, without quite knowing it, are readying themselves for guest appearances in another of the area's post-employment mov-ies, The Full Monty. The plot has its puzzles. Why a pit we are constantly told is profitable is on the hit-list of 1994 is unclear, for we never hear the voices of those alleged swine, the owners and managers. But I suspect that is one of several points that do not need elaboration in South Yorkshire and are somewhat lost in translation to London. Never mind. This is a plain

and often touching tale, told from the stance of miners whose morale is so low that they vote four-to-one in favour of accepting a redundancy package and then, many of them, start riffling through job ads for cashier-cleaners at petrol stations or "cheerful and outgoing" care assistants at £2.90 a week. But will the Grimley brass band survive the collapse of the local economy? And is an institution variously seen as a symbol of civic self-respect and a frivolous waste of needy families' money worth preserving? Those are the questions at the

play's core.
The answers are ambiguously embodied in the main

through Faulkner's native north Mississippi, in an imag-inary corner he named Yoknapatawpha County. Addie is dying, and the family waits for the moment when, as the older characters tell each other, the Lord who hath giveth taketh. For reasons unclear Anse has promised to bury Addie among her own folk in Jefferson. 40 miles away, and,



suffering Sandra takes the children to her mother after her husband, Shaun Dooley's wan Phil, has spent his wages on a trombone and the bailiffs have removed the furniture. Phil, a fallen hero of the 1984 strike, doffs the clown's clothes that have earned him extra pennies and, in despair, tries to hang himself. His father. Peter Armitage's curmudgeonly Danny, declares that music is what gives Grimley's people significance and then, at the moment of his greatest triumph, tells the watching

ash, Dari, Jewel, Dewey Dell and Vardaman sound like the elvish folk a hobbit might meet in Middle Earth. But they turn out to be the four sons and daughter (Dewey Dell, oh dean of Anse and Addie Bundren, farmers in the 1930 novel by William Faulkner. Their lamentable misad-

ventures occur as they journey

than music.
Didactic, unsubtle. senti-

mental? You could make a case supporting those accusations. Moreover, a father who tells his half-hanged son what the bluddy hell did tha

think tha were doing, lad?" is surely taking Yorkshire crustiness a step too far. But somehow the observations contrive to remain fresh and appealing, whether you are watching big, thick, amiable Harry (Bill Rodgers) and his fortornly political wife (Rita May), or insecure young Andy

Let's hear it not only for

Deborah Paige's cast, but for

the Aveley and Newham Band and Redbridge Brass, playing the horny-handed musicians of smoky Grimley. Southerners they may be, but they pitch in with Northern energy, stirring the ears and the heart and leaving you convinced that, yes, those colliery tootles were wonderful. BENEDICT

(Freya Copeland).

NIGHTINGALE

As those calamities suggest. the story is strong in spectacu-lar action, which Tim Supple's direction imaginatively provides, on an earthstrewn set (designer: Melly Still) separated from the rear dais by a trench. Here, floodwater batters the coffin-bearers; above it. Gillespie's farm explodes in sparks: in front, the family rocks forward on the wagon.

The actors present their odd characters with a truly creditable commitment. Sandy Mc-Dade's Addie. vigorous in her frailty, the soberly determined Cash of Robert Bowman and Andy Williams's whip-whirling Jewel stand out. But increasingly the silliness of the pilgrimage and the follies of the pilgrims consign these events to an insignificant and unintentionally comical past.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Camp to the core

THERE is something awesome and awful about a musical that cannibalises the very emotions it spends two hours trying to generate. So it is with Mitch Sebastian's camp, Mad Max-like update of Stephen Schwartz's Pippin. a moody blues musical which dazzled Broadway sophisticates 26 years ago.

I would not hazard a ham sandwich on this production surviving two weeks in the West End. because of the suicidal delight it takes in unscrewing the nuts and bolts of its own flimsy scaffolding. The company takes Schwartz's fairytale story about Prince Pippin seeking some sort of grandiose destiny and sets it in clubland on the eve of the new millennium. Here the grungy Glaswegian son of Charlemagne tries to win the King's favour by volunteering

Pippin ... Bridewell, EC4

for war against the invading Visigoths. The subsequent battle" is a triumph of stomping Doc Martens, beautiful posing and skimpy underwear over vaguely memorable songs that end up sounding all too similar. What gradually unfolds is a

fight for power, waged unconvincingly between Pippin's wicked vamp of a stepmother (Nadia Strahan), his punky, psychopathic half-brother Lewis (Julian Essex-Spurrier) and Paul Hawkyard's lovable Charlemagne, who treats the idealistic, puny Pippin with the contempt he deserves.

James Gillan's agonising.

Pippin delivers such sentimental numbers as Corner of the Sky and With You with the. limpid, god-given clarity of a choirboy. But the real hero is David Burt's Mephistophelean narrator, who is far too pleased with his own performance to be taken entirely seriously. With the rictus smile of Jack Nicholson and a voice like a gurgling drain-pipe, this sleazy neo-nazi masler-of-ceremonies orchestrates his bondage-clad clubbers as if he were directing traffic.

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Where Sebastian's production takes wing is on the back of its cameos — not least Mazz Murray's voluptuous and unforgettable grandmother, Bertha, who brings the house down with her bluesy, bodiceripping rendition of No Time At All. Even here, however, the musical's propensity to send itself up (and thus do itself down) is overwhelming. "Oh Pippin, just sit on it. I've 🎏 three more choruses to getthrough," grunts Bertha, midsong. It is one of the few genuinely comic moments in a production that resolutely and, one has to say pedantically, refuses to take any of itself

JAMES CHRISTOPHER

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imon Armitage gave us two minutes in the sunshine at Hay-on-Wye to find an object to write a poem about. Out we went, 20 teachers and one journal-ist, and brought back: a broken stick, an empty ice-cream cone, a meadow bloom, an entire weathered wooden gate. As we sat in a circle, Armitage asked us: what does your object dream? What is its star sign? What is it not? How does it taste (not such a problem with the ice-cream cone)? We scribbled quickly at his instruction and then, in a few moments, strung together what might approximate a first draft of a poem. When Steve Walker, a teacher from Malvern, read out his ode to an abandoned gate, the swift result was remarkable. So can creative writing be taught, after all?

Armitage was one of two writers

I want to be a poet in my own write

At Hay-on-Wye, Erica Wagner learns how to stimulate the creative juices of the next generation of novelists and poets

expects you to get up on a concert stage and play the piano after only one lesson a week". The one-day dismiss the notion that teaching and examining creative writing necessitate a rule-bound approach to creativity. "In order to improve your writing, you need a reader to ences, brought the two together with the NEAB chief examiner for A level and GCSE, Peter point things out to you," he says, and increasingly that's what a teacher is, at A level — an adult reader, a reader with more experi-ence of writing, who can point out things the writer hasn't thought of. The argument that you can't teach creative writing suggests that there er and a writer himself, is eager to

is something mystical about it -

which I think is nonsense. A lot of it is technique and skill."

Not everyone, of course, agrees, despite the success, at graduate level, of writing courses such as those at the universities of East Anglia, Hull and Leeds. A suspicion still hangs about them, as if their professors were only a step away from snake-oil salesmen.

But every year nearly 200 stu-dents of the NEAB board alone take an S-level paper which can include a timed creative-writing

optional test in creative writing along with their English Language A level: 75 per cent of those receive an endorsement on their certificate. Buckroyd says that the quali-ty of much of the material he sees astonishes him — and looking at some samples, it was hard to

were united in their desire to encourage such creativity — all, surely, would love to be as fondly

recalled as Beryl Bainbridge's Miss Peck, late of Merchant Taylors' School in her native Liverpool. The morning was spent tooking at exemples of an exemple. looking at examples of students' writing: the truly inspiring part of the day, however, was when the group divided for sessions with Bainbridge and Armitage.

There was, in these discussions, here wised with the statement of th

hope mixed with a little despair: Bainbridge's description of listen-ing to her father read Dickens aloud was clearly far removed from the way most young people now pass their evenings - although Steve Ballinger, from near-by Brecon High School, found his students gripped by Seamus

Deane's Reading in the Dark. "It's our responsibility to introduce them to books like this," he said. Good reading, after all, can lead to good writing. And Armitage's vigorous workshop — "Just keep writing," he said. "If you can't think of anything to write, just write 'I can't think of anything' write anything to write." until something comes" - was a reminder both of how inspiring a good teacher can be and of the courage required simply to put pen to paper. "It makes you think a bit more about what you're asking the kids to do." said Angela Levinson. who teaches in Walthamstow.

Teachers can inspire students to write, but writing is, after all, a solitary process. Armitage's words

— just keep writing — are the ones to remember.

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How to knit pop and the classics with four strings

creative writing at A level at this year's Sunday Times Hay Festival;

the other, Beryl Bainbridge, told the assembled group that "nobody

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Buckroyd, to discuss strategies for

teaching and assessing creative writing at A level, now an optional

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Buckroyd, an enthusiastic teach-

Cellist Caroline Dale has worked with Oasis and the RPO. And

now she has a band to call her own, Nigel Williamson reports

aroline Dale's hectic schedule would leave less versatile performers nursing a serious identity crisis. Last month the cellist was playing Brahms and Shostakovich with the Apollo Trio in New York. Last weekend she appeared at London's first major outdoor rock festival of the summer with her new pop band Ghostland. Come the autumn her cello playing will grace the movie Jackie, the much-anticipated blockbuster about the life of Jacqueline Du Pré. Meanwhile, as rock and pop's favourite classical performer, her diary continues to fill up with sessions for everyone from Oasis to Page and Plant.

It is hard to think of anyone else who crosses the boundaries between different musical genres quite so effortlessly. "It can be a problem jumping between so many different things," she says. "But before, I was still striving musically. With Ghostland I have found myself."

Ghostland's newly released debut swirling strings, Baroque melodies, Arabic drones, Celtic lyricism and contemporary dance beats. The eclecticism of the sound reflects the band's diverse origins. While the Middlesbrough-born Dale was winning the BBC Young Musician of the Year award at the age of 13 and later studying at the Royal Academy, fellow band members John Reynolds and Justin Adams were growing up steeped in rock, punk and reggae. Reynolds married Sinead O'Connor and produced her records, while Adams played guitar with Jah Wobble.

The unlikely trio first came together last year working on sessions for the singer Natacha Atlas and discovered a shared desire to explore their own creativity. They recorded a single track as a demo, which, in storybook fashion, landed them a recording contract within 24 hours. Yet according to Dale they had no idea what was going to emerge when they got together. "It was through making the album that we learnt what we could do. We all brought such completely different elements. I think the music creates a landscape, it's very cinematic."

Although the album does use voices - most notably those of Sinéad O'Connor and Natacha Atlas - Ghostland eschew conventional song structures. Voices are used "more as another instrument", Dale says. Equally striking is the album's fusion of Arabic and Irish melodies. "The scales are very similar," she explains. "There are a lot of fifths and fourths and the melodies are very spare. It isn't sumptuous all the time, but if you put some colours

> 6 The turning point was playing in Nigel Kennedy's quartet 9

Dale's pedigree includes a spell in the Balanescu String Quartet, performances as a soloist with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and the English Chamber Orchestra and recording the definitive version of Gorecki's Third Symphony. "I thought I would always be a classical player." she says. "The turning point was playing in Nigel Kennedy's quartet. He encouraged me to be a total musician who enjoys

playing everything." Today Dale's name is first on the list every time the rock world needs a string arranger. She has worked on albums by Simply Red, Spiritualized, Peter Gabriel, Sleeper and Joan Armatrading, recorded with Oasis and performed live with Page and Plant and George Michael. "1 always wanted the best of both worlds," she says.

Yet Dale found that while she was not emotionally satisfied by modern

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classical composition, neither was she fulfilled by the simplicities of pop. The answer was Ghostland. "Modern classical composition for me lacks emotional response and I had always had an interest in popular music," she says. "But I felt very confined in pop because pop can often use strings in a very banal way. Ghostland is the opportunity to push forward the boundaries of the relationship between classical and pop."

Classically trained musicians experience huge problems in the pop world when asked to improvise, she says. "It is like bungee jumping. You know you are not going to die but it feels like it." Once she had learnt to love the freedom of improvisation. she says that composing was the next logical step. "I always put off writing because I thought Brahms and Beethoven had said it all. But I grew frustrated not doing my own stuff. I realised that I could do something different by adding other elements to the classical tradition."

working on the Du Pré film, in which she plays all the cello solos. "It was a thrill because she started me on the cello. When I was five I was taking piano lessons and not getting on at all. Then I heard this amazing noise on the radio and it was Du Pré. I told my mother there and then I wanted to be a cellist."

When Dale won the Young Musician of the Year in 1978, Du Pré wrote offering her support. "She used to come along every time I played at the Purcell Room or the Wigmore Hall and she was an inspiration. To be asked to be her musical voice in the film was a dream come true." The last word on how well Dale

straddles the two musical worlds goes to fellow Ghostland member Justin Adams. "I'm beginning to learn a lot from Caroline," he says. "My horizons are being expanded. Most classical players I have worked with cannot improvise. To find one like Caroline who has got groove is very rare." Seven Arrows is on EastWest



Mixing it: Caroline Dale and Ghostland are pushing at the boundaries between classical and pop music

VISUAL ART: John Russell Taylor reassesses the virtues of the 18th-century cult of the cute

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Movie tones

OVER the past ten years, Barry Adamson has estab-lished himself as the king of the imaginary soundtrack. After starting out as the bassist in the influential Mancunian punk band Magazine, followed by a brief stint with Nick Cave's Bad Seeds, Adamson found his true calling in 1988 when he did a superb reworking of Elmer Bernstein's theme from The Man With the Golden Arm.

Back then, few people were interested in film noir, but Adamson used it as a key to unlock the movies in his own head, delving into jazz, funk, smouldering soul and the blues. The result was an impressive trilogy of albums Moss Side Story, Soul Murder and Oedipus Schmoedipus - plus contributions to several Hollywood soundtracks, including David Lynch's Lost Highway.

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Adamson's latest album, As Above, So Below, is his most lyrical yet and, rather than using guest vocalists — Oedi-pus Schmoedipus featured Cave and Jarvis Cocker — he took the microphone himself. So it seems appropriate that Adamson is playing his first live shows in ten years and rather typical that he chose a three-night stand in a sleazily gance crub, with Greek statues.

As it happened, the raised dance floor did not make this an ideal venue, and many people were forced to climb on tables or chairs in order to catch a glimpse of the band. But, suave as ever in a red shirt and dark suit. Adamson turned out to be a natural frontman, quickly coming into his own on the finger-clicking soul of Can't Get Used to Losing You, a dark take on the Andy Williams classic.

Although most of the set revolved around the jazz fuelled, Tom Waits-style narratives of the new album, Adamson hinted at the extent of his range when he segued Suicide's Girl into the molten mantra of John Coltrane's A Love Supreme, before nodding to his past with a slowed down version of Magazine's Perma-

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readlocked, bespecta-Irons in cled, streetwise: the clarinettist and composer Don Byron is a musical every chameleon. The main thrust of his work has always been jazzrelated, but his mercurial dalfire liance with forms as varied as Schumann chamber music. 1930s Duke Ellington and hip-

hop means that it is hard to detect his own musical voice. Having flirted with Tom and Jerry film scores and klezmer music, Byron has now chosen to confront racial and social politics with his new band Existential Dred. They are making their British debut in a Contemporary Music Network tour built around their newly released album

Nu Blamploitation. Black political issues are not new to Byron. His 1992 album, Tuskegee Experiments, created disturbing music around the American government's long-term observations of the effects of syphilis on a control group of black males. The words were by the Detroit poet Sadiq Bey, and his reunion with Byron is the core of the new band and its repertoire.

These are not just newsworthy items that come and go," says Bey. "I don't see us standing on a soapbox and raising our fists, but the message is very strongly: 'Listen - nothing's changed. Can we discuss this?" "

At his best, Bey works by putting a black persona into an allegorical framework on pieces such as Alien, his words

content, but Byron's obsession with a range of forms barely

lets this develop.

The most vibrant performances on Nu Blaxploitation are re-creations of the 1970s funk band Mandrill, where Byron's sheer talent for breathing life into musical recreation takes over, subduing any political message by his sheer virtuosity.

This is the paradox at the heart of his work, and he recognises it. "I could be working in an idiom connected to reality, or I could be playing a kind of folk music for coke-snorting, cognac-drinking New Yorkers." Yet, what has brought him most fame is precisely his ability to play for the leisured New Yorkers, who marvel at his

repertory performances.

The effect on the album is to mute its thought-provoking impact. He clearly wants to revitalise the socio-political subtext of the work of Mingus or Coltrane, but without the kind of stimulus that Vietnam harder to rekindle the flame. His tour gives him the chance to allow his own musi-

cal voice to appear.

ALYN SHIPTON Nu Blaxploitation is released

this month by Blue Note Don Byron and Existential Dred play the Irish Centre, Leeds. tonight; Band on the Wall. Manchester tomorrow night: Barbican, London, Fri; the Drum.

Artists whose whole stock-in-trade was this kind of thing have been virtually expunged thy. The Infant Academy, with a lot of naked children pretending to be artists and models, is definitely on the from the canon, while every saccharine side, and even Cu-

Sensibility; if they believed in the Sublime, they also believed in the Picturesque. There seems to have been a general softening-down of attitudes during the century in which Sheridan took the place of Congreve, and we need look no further to explain the tremendous popularity of the fancy picture", celebrated in Kenwood's Angels and Urchins exhibition. The fancy picture has not

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been much appreciated of late, for the same reasons that Murillo, arguably its great progenitor for British collectors, has been downgraded in relation to his Spanish prede-cessors such as Velázquez and successors such as Goya. In the 20th century, art-lovers have tended to prefer something less saccharine, if not positively abrasive.

We may still relish the portraits and landscapes of Gainsborough, the conversation pieces of Zoffany, but what do we know of their sentimental side? With less currently popular painters such as Reynolds, the cute pictures of sanitised peasants and chubbily appealing in-fants are mostly forgotten. last savage caricaturist is re-called with approval: witness the rediscovery of the radical Richard Newton (1777-1798) at the Whitworth Art Gallery.

But is this out-of-hand dismissal of a whole school of British painting fair? That is what Angels and Urchins sets out to examine. If we start with the famous painters such as Gainsborough, Reynolds and Joseph Wright of Derby, we can see at once how far they were able to deal with sentimentally appealing subject-matter without themselves falling down a treacle well. Gainsborough chooses to depict his own daughter Marga-ret as a gleaner, a suitable activity for the deserving poor, who were particularly fa-voured in fancy pictures. Her expression is less wistful than faintly resentful, as though she is wondering how much long-er she must hold this wretched bundle of corn. The girl, the field and the sky are exquisitely painted in Gainsborough's most impressionistic manner,

and one can hardly imagine

Reynolds is less trustwor-

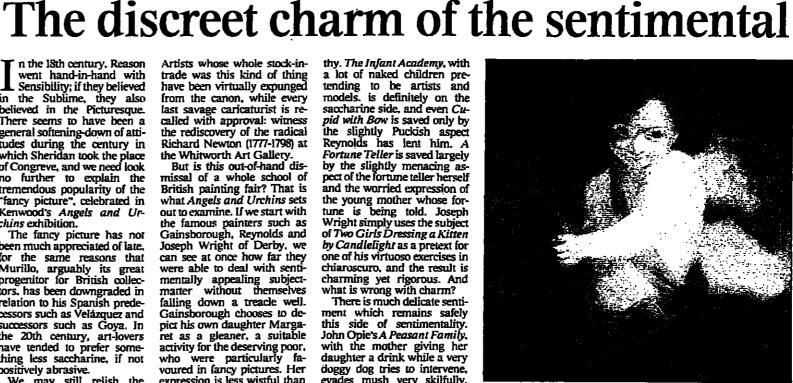
anything less sentimental.

by the slightly menacing as-pect of the fortune teller herself and the worried expression of the young mother whose fortune is being told. Joseph Wright simply uses the subject of Two Girls Dressing a Kitten by Candlelight as a pretext for one of his virtuoso exercises in chiaroscuro, and the result is charming yet rigorous. And what is wrong with charm? There is much delicate sentiment which remains safely this side of sentimentality.

John Opie's A Peasant Family,
with the mother giving her

daughter a drink while a very doggy dog tries to intervene evades mush very skilfully, and Hugh Robinson's Boy Flying a Kite is a brilliant study in implied tensions. If every now and then we

are stopped by incredulity, as in Sir William Beechey's The Children of Sir Francis Ford giving Coins to a Beggar Boy. it is because of some patent falsity in the scene (the beggar



Saving grace: Cupid with Bow is redeemed by the slightly Puckish air Sir Joshua Reynolds has lent him:

boy is too obviously in fancy dress and striking a pose), and the ability to perceive that is no monopoly of our own day. The great virtue of this show is that it makes us look again at a sort of painting we would normally

nudge aside, and shows that the virtues as well as the vices are perennial

• Angels and Urchins is at Kenwood House, Hampstead Lane. NW3 (0181-348 1286). Daily. 10am-6pm, until Aug 9

Chelsea add Desailly to overseas list

By David Maddock and Nick Szczepanik

money is apparently no object, last night tied up their third transfer in the space of four days when Marcel Desailly. the France international defender, agreed to join Brian Laudrup, of Denmark, and Alberto Ferrer, of Spain, under the league of nations hanner at Stamford Bridge.

It was only a week ago that Desailly who will cost £4.5million from AC Milan. expressed doubts about the quality of football in England. but now he is ready to accept a three-year contract which will earn him something in the region of £5million.

Ferrer signed on the dotted line yesterday, following the completion of Laudrup's free

Tommy Burns, manager of Reading, of the Nationwide League second division, is set to sign Grant Brebner. the Scotland under-21 international midfield player. from Manchester United. Brebner, 20, has yet to play a first-team game at Old Trafford.

transfer from Rangers over the weekend. The Spain international defender took time out from his country's preparations for the World Cup. to finalise a E2.2million transfer from Barcelona.

After the months of rumours and takeover negotiations. Terry Venables was finally confirmed as the head coach of Crystal Palace yesterday by Mark Goldberg, the club's new owner.

For Venables, whose two previous jobs had been as coach of the England and Australia national teams, it marks a welcome return to club management. "Australia was a wonderful adventure. but I'm really looking forward to the day-to-day job." Venables said. "The thing I really love is being out on the

Venables inherits a squad which finished bottom of the quoted a fee of £700,000.

CHELSEA, a club to which FA Carling Premiership last season. "The aim is to try to get back into the Premier League and stay there," he said. "It's not going to be easy. People at this club have witnessed too much going up and coming down."

According to Goldberg, who has already spent £22 million buying the club, money will be available to Venables. There will be sufficient funds to keep players we want to keep and add to the squad. The first challenge is to hold on to the likes of Lombardo and Jansen, and we are confident we can do that."

The appointment Venables back at the club with which he started his career in management. "It's a fresh challenge because it's a long time since I was here." he said. I've never believed the saying that you should never go back. liked the idea of it, and Mark's enthusiasm."

Venables sidestepped questions about his previous in-volvement in the business side of clubs, but, as Steve Coppell, who remains the Palace director of football, emphasised, he will bring the club muchneeded credibility on the field.

"Yes, there's a lot of work to be done and in the past the setup has not been very efficient," Goldberg acknowledged. "But want to make sure that Crystal Palace are among the leaders moving into a really professional industry."

David Jones, the Southampton manager, has been having talks with David Zittelli. 26. who was relegated with Karlsruhe, of Germany, at the end of May. Zittelli, 28, a free agent, is regarded as a possible replacement for Kevin Davies, who was sold to Blackburn Rovers for a fee of £7.5million.

Aston Villa, meanwhile, have been negotiating with Gordan Vidovic, the Belgium international defender who is keen to move from Mouscron. 'I hope it goes through quickly," he said yesterday. Villa are understood to have been



Adam Roxburgh, the flanker, charges on during Scotland's 39-34 defeat at the hands of the Australian Barbarians

Woodward licks his wounds

CHASTENED Clive Woodward, the England coach, took the first steps yesterday towards restoring the equilibrium of his England party, so badly upset by Australia at the weekend. Chastened not so much by the size of the 76-0 defeat, but by the poor quality of the play that led to it and the prepara-

tion of the side. It is one thing, though, for the England coach to take upon himself the sins of his

"It was worse than I re-

FROM DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT IN ROTORUA

leave the panic button alone until he has reviewed all his players, against New Zealand

players, quite another to turn round the fortunes of this inexperienced squad. As if to emphasise the enormity of his task, New Zealand officials announced their teams for the first international with England in Dunedin on June 20. and the A team, which will play them in Hamilton on Saturday.

membered it." Woodward said after watching videos of the 11-try blitz in Brisbane. "We asked too much of inexperienced players and we weren't organised defensively. I didn't get across to them in the week before what we

Both will play against New Zealand A. as will Matt bloke in charge has to take the

However, Woodward will A. and. next Tuesday, the New Zealand Academy XV in Invercargill. Encouraged by the quality of training in the rain at Rotorua's amphitheatrical International Stadium. he believes the quality exists to bounce back - indeed, he regrets the absence of a game

"Every time I have taken my foot off the pedal we have had a disastrous match," Woodward said. "In the first minute against Australia we committed ten players to a ruck - ten players. When we did win the ball we had far too few options. There was a naivety players seldom show for their clubs, but in a new environment with new play-

his few experienced players were trying to do. If your Ben Clarke, Steve Ojomoh — business is a disaster, the from the game on Saturday.

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BOLOGNA, Italy Carisbo tournament; First nound: M Puerta (Arg) bi J van Herck (Bei) 6-3, 6-2; E Alvaraz (Sp) bi F Melegan (Ps) 7-5, 6-3, J Viloco (Sp) bi O Serrano (Sp) 6-4, 6-3, A Calattaria (Sp) bi E Couro (Por) 6-3, 7-5; F Squifton (Arg) bi F Cuved (Sp) 6-3, 4-6, 6-9; M Mantelli (III) bi G Blanco (Sp) 7-5, 6-7, 6-4, U Scala (II) bi S Pessocoldo (III 6-3, 6-1; J Draz (Sp) bi A Chesnolov (Russ) 6-3, 6-1, J A Martin (Sp) bi T Keola (Fin) 6-4, F - J Alonso (Sp) bi P Imaz (Sp) 8-4, 6-4, K Alam (Mor) bi D Sanchez (Sp) 6-4, 6-2
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EDGBASTON, Birmingham: DFS Classic: First round: L Golarsa (N) bt D Chladkova (Ca) 6-3, 7-5

TODAY'S

FIXTURES

CRICKET

TRENT BRIDGE: Notinghamshire v South Aircans

FENNER'S: Cambridge University v

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP. Second day of four. Chesterfield: Derbyshira v Giorcestershire. Southgate: Micdlessix v Essex First day of three: Northern CC: Lancashire v Durham. Campbell Park, Milkon Keynes: Northamptorishire v Durham. Horsheim: Sussex v Yorkshire. Halesowen Wordestershire v Glamorgan.

AON TROPHY (one-day): Maidstone: Kent v MOC Young Cricketon.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: First day of two: Saliton Walden: Cambridgeshire v Suffor Stone, Stafford-shire v Norfolik

OTHER SPORT

MOTOR RACING: Isle of Man TT 125cc

SPEEDWAY: Eite Leegue: King's Lyrin v Poolo (7.45) Premier League: Huil v Isle of Wight (7.30)

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University match 11 30, first day of three

remain. Dawson, though there is a slight doubt over Phil Green-

ing, the Gloucester hooker.
John Hart, meanwhile, has named one newcomer in his international XV for Dunedin, the centre, Mark Mayerhofler, though if Joeli Vidiri is preferred on the wing that will be a second debutant, Vidiri is bracketed with Jonah Lomu. who must play well against England in Hamilton if he is to reclaim the place he occupied in the last meeting between the countries, the 26-26 draw at Twickenham in December.

Should Vidiri play there will be six changes to the All Blacks: Lomu is recovering from injury. Frank Bunce has effectively closed his international career. Justin Marshall and Mark Allen are injured. Norm Hewitt reverts to the A team and Zinzan Brooke has retired. Add to that the retirement of Sean Fitzpatrick and injuries to Charles Riechelman, Glenn Taylor, Scott McLeod and Alama Ieremia

pose there to be a crisis in the camp, were it not for the power and skills of those who

Even in the A team there is a hard core of seven capped players. Woodward and John Mitchell, his assistant, know precisely the power and pace that the domestic game here generates. "I think you will see a far better defensive performance from us over the next few weeks," Woodward said. We will need to.

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NEW ZEALAND, C.M. Cullen (Webington) J.W. Wilson (Olago). M.A. Mayerhoffer (Canterbury), W.K. Little (North Harbook). J. Widni (Counties) or J.T. Lomu (Counties). A.P. Mehrstens (Carlenbury). O.F. J. Tomuru (Auckland). C.W. Dowd (Auckland). A.D. Offiver (Orago). OM Brown (Auckland). A.D. Offiver (Orago). OM Brown (Auckland). A. A. Kronfield (Olago). T.C. Randell (Olago). Heplacemens. Howard (Vidin or Lomur, C.S. Raiph (Auckland). T.J. Spender (Auckland). M.D. Roberson (Starth Harbour). M.P. Carter (Auckland). T.J. Blackadder (Canterbury). B.P. Larsen (North Harbour). M.P. Carter (Auckland). T.J. Blackadder (Canterbury). B.P. Larsen (North Harbour). N.F. W. Tealand. N.J. Hewitt (Southand). N.F.W. ZEALAND. A. C. Asstmore (Auckland). N.F.W. ZEALAND. A. A. Castmore (Auckland).

NEW ZEALAND A: A Cashmore (Audiand; GOsborre (North Harcter) C Raiph (Audiand), J O'Halloran (Helington), J Lomu (Courtes); I Stersness, Haudkard), R Duggan (Wakato) K Nepia (Cartebury), N Hewiti (Southland, captain) K Mesaws (Otago), B Larsen (North Harbour), N Maxwell (Carterbury), A Blowers (Audiand), S Robertson (Carretbury), A Rish (Audiand), Replacements: T Umaga (Wellington), E Clarke (Audiand), J Preston (Mellington), S Surnige (Carterbury), Mellington), Mellington), S Surnige (Carterbury), Mellington), Mellington), S Surnige (Carterbury), Mellington), Mel

McRae shine for

charge

SCOTLAND suffered the first defeat of their southern-hemisphere tour when they went down 39-34 to the Australian Barbarians in Penrith yesterday, the last match before Jim Telfer chooses his team to face Australia in the international in Sydney on Saturday.

RUGBY UNION

Lee and

Gilmour

Scotland

Telfer is expected to name the side that beat New South Wales last Saturday, but Hugh Gilmour and Derrick Lee have emerged as contenders with their performances against the Barbarians.

The Scotland coach was dismayed by the Scots' lapses in concentration but encouraged by their determination and strong finish against the Barbarians.

"We were 12 points down but still managed to come back at the end. You have to give our side credit for that." Telfer said.

Scotland, 12-10 ahead at half-time, registered five tries through the full back, Lee, who led the way with two, the centres, Ian Jardine and Jamie Mayer, and the flanker. Adam Roxburgh, while the Barbarians responded with six tries from Ricky Nalatu (two). Shane Drahm, Ipotolo Fenukitau, Pat Howard and John Langford.

Australia named their team vesterday and predictably retained the XV that thrashed England 76-0 last Saturday for the match against Scotland at the Sydney Football Stadium.

The match on Saturday will mark David Wilson's fiftieth international appearance for Australia. Jason Little. who was named on the replacements' bench, could also reach the 50-cap milestone.
Ireland crashed to their

third straight defeat on their South African tour when they were beaten 52-13 by the Currie Cup champions. Griqualand West. Just four days before the

first international against the

Springboks in Bloemfontein. Ireland's forwards were constantly driven back by a determined Griguas pack. The only bright spots for Ireland, who trailed 31-8 at half-time, were tries for Antho-

ny Foley and the replacement.

Conor O'Shea, while the hosts

scored seven times, with a

brace for Lawrence Venter.

SPORT

takes

MOTOR RALLYING: Colin McRae, of Scotland, driving a Subaru Imprezza, won the Acropolis rally in Greece yesterday to take the lead in the world rally championship from Carlos Sainz, of Spain. McRae finished the third and last stage 20sec clear in the overall standings from Didier Auriol, of France, in a Toyota Corolla.

Auriol, the 1994 World Rally champion, had led after two of the closing five specials but a stalled engine cost him 40sec on the tourth special.

That allowed McRae. the 1995 World champion and winner of the previous rally in Argentina, to regain the lead he had briefly held on the second day. Third place went to Juha Kankkunen, of Finland, in a Ford Escort.

E ROWING: Caius look likely to take the headship for the first time in ten years when the Cambridge University May Races start today. With one of the biggest crews for years. stroked by Paul Cunningham. who rowed No 2 in this year's Blue boat, and Sebastian Korbci. No 6 in this year's Goldie, the crew are tipped to topple Downing to end the latter's two-year run at the top.

GOLF: Casey Martin, who won a court fight for the right to play professionally using a golf cart, has qualified for next week's 98th US Open in Cincinnati. Martin sank a 25-foot putt on the second extra hole to win a five-way play-off for a berth at his first major championship next week at The Olympic Club in San Francisco.

CRICKET: Jackie McGlew, of Natal and South Africa, died of leukaemia in Pretoria on Monday night. He was 69. An opening batsman of near-perfect technique and legendary tenacity, McGlew played 34 Test matches, in which he scored 2,440 runs, which included seven centuries, at an average of 42.06.

FOR THE RECORD

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iour wickers MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Barrow (second day of two). Cumberland t Norlos, match abandoned, Spis each INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

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FOOTBALL Monday's late result INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Côte d'Azur 1 German, J ûn Nicei

GLIDING DUNSTABLE: Cobra Standard Class Nationals. 1. D Campbell (LSB) 147 6km, 28pts 2, P Harvey (LSB) 59 5 14, 3, S Redman (LSB), 59 5, 13, equal 4, R Cheetham (LSB), 50 1, Edywan (ASWC4), I Freestore (LSB), M Webs (LSB) and S Hartand (ASWC4) 51 8 12

GOLF

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Morgan (Pontardawek, S Birch (Cottrell
Park), J Barnett (Royal St David's) MOTOR RACING

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MOTOR RALLYING

ACROPOLIS RALLY: Final stage: 1, C McRoe (GB. Subaru) the 26mm 31 6sec C, D Autol (Ft. Toyota) 4.26.51.6, 3, X, Amtouren (Fin. Ford) 4.27.15.9, 4.0 Sanz (Sp. Toyota) 4.26.93, 5, F. Levr (Bet. Toyota) 4.29.93, 5, F. Levr (Bet. Toyota) 4.29.90, 6, P. Larat (ft. Subaru) 4.37 18.0 Leading World Champtonship positions (after sight legs) Orivers 1, McRea 26.05, 2, Sanz 31, equal 3, Kankkunen and T.Makmen (Fin.) 24; equal 5, Burns (CB) and Autol 21 Constructors: 1, Subaru 49ts, 2, T. Toyota 47, 3, Mitsubish 45; 4, Ford 33.

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MONDAY'S LATE RACING DETAILS SPEEDWAY

SUITE LEAGUE: Belia Vire 55 Orbrid 36
PREMIER LEAGUE: Arena Essax 43
Newport 47: Peterborough 47 Glasgow 43;
Reading 54 Sheffled 35
PREMIER LEAGUE FOUR TEAM CHAMP-IONSHIP; Second 197 Reading 30 New-port 24: Exeter 21 Arena Essex 21

8.30 (Im 31 135yd) 1, Taffo (Martin Dwyer, 100-30); 2, Flagstaff (133-1); 3, Filmore West (11-2), Brightstone 15-8 lav 15 ran 3/4, Mt Mrs J Cecil, Tote 25 00, £1.90, £5.70, £3 00, DF, £237 80 7no £241 00, CSF, £114.67

7.30 (Im 2/7yd) 1, Brandon Jack (W R Swinburn, 2-1 lav); 2, The Wild Widow (10-1); 3, Dizzy Tilly (12-1); 12 ram 11, nk / Baldring, Toter E3 20; £1.50, £2.80, £2.50 DF, £17.10, Tno: £28.40, CSF: £23.49, Tncast; £194.94

9.00 (51 Toyol 1, Broadstaire Beauty (R Winston, 5-2 fav); 2, Caution (11-4); 3, Quite Happy (3-1) 9 ran 1/41, 1/41 D Shaw Tole £3.50; £1.60; £1.50; £1.50 OF: £5.00, Ting £4.60 CSF £9.71

Placepot: £1,255,00. Quadpot: £138.20.

Warwick

nricasi 1.1,073 69 7.15 (1m 21 169yd) 1, Tory Boy (7 Sprake, 9-2), 2, Tai Tam Wamor (25-1), 3, Tanshan (5-4 lav) 7 ran Nk. ½), Lan Williams Tote, £4 30, £1 80, £6.20, OF: £59.90 CSF, £78.45

8.15 (5) 1, Top Order (T Qurm, 11-8 lav), 2, Koy (3-1); 3, Avondale Girl (7-1), 9 ran NR. Armosi Armber, Loch Fyne 91, 11 P Cole Tote 52:20, 51 30, 51 90, 51 10 DF 53 40 Trior 635 70, CSF; 65 76 8.45 (7f) 1. Vice Presidential (D Harrison, 9-2 µ-lav), 2. Rewards (9-1), 3. Froblems, 110-11 Sre's A Gern 9-2 µ-law, 20 ran 5(5) T Etherngton Tote: £7.60; £2.30, £3.60, £3.20 DF; £38.80. Trac: £26.50.

9.15: Abandoned because of the condition of the track. Placepot: £575.10 Quadpot: not won.

the race and will not run again until the end of next month. "He won't run over a mile and a half again as I don't think he stayed and that was part of the problem on Saturday," Wragg

HAMILTON PARK | 7.50 WESTCARS SAAB STAKES

THUNDERER 6.50 Young Bigwig. 7.20 Kalahari Ferrari. 7.50 Connoisseur Bay. 8.20 Takhlid. 8.50 Falls O'Moness, 9.20 Lord Advocate.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH BEST SIS

6.50 DANKA AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (£3,534; 51 4yd) (9 runners) SKY 1 0100 YOUNG BIGNING 25 (D.F. 61 O Crapman 4-12-0 Miss R Clark 9 2 1325 AUNOR RUFFIN 7 (D.G.S.) J. Erry, 3-10-13 Miss B Kendall (5) 6 3 0-00 TROPICAL BEACH 9 (Y.CD.F.G.S.) J. Foarce 5-10-5 Mirs L. Pearce 4 5-233 PALLIUM 11 (B.CD.F.G.) D. Halan 10-10-1 R Hala 5 5000 ANOTHER NIGHTMARE 9 (CD.F.G.) F Mickeller 6-9-10 6 0390 BIFF-EM 11 (CD.G) Miss L Paraz 4:9-10
7 00-0 SX FOR LUCK 11 (B.D.F) G Matan 6:9-10
8 00-6 LORD CORNELIOUS 11 D Notan 5:9-10 Mrs D Wilderson (7) 7
9 0000 BRIGHT DESIRT 9 (N W Ware 5:9-10 V Lucarak (5) 3
V Lucarak (5) 3

7-2 Young Bigning, 4-1 Junor Mulfin, 5-1 Trapical Search, Pallium, 7-1 Bell-Em, 10-1 Another Nightman, 12-1 Six For Luck, 20-1 others 7.20 GLENGOYNE HIGHLAND MALT SKY MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,339 61 5yd) (5) 44 KALAHARI FERRARI 47 J Borry 9-0 K Danny 4
LOVE BIAMANIAS M Johnston 9-0 Dean McKeoneri 3
3 MINNESOTA 14 N Calagran 9-0 J Red 5
00 PERCHANCER 4 P Fixam 9-1 Date Gitson 2
SOCIETY SNOOP M Johnston 9-0 J Carroll 1 11-8 Mannesola, 3-1 Society Snoop, 4-1 Kalatign Ferrall, 9-2 Love Diamonds 16-1 Porthance:

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: K Burke, 3 women: kum 10 runners, 30 0%; J Paarce, 5 krom 17, 29 4%, P Rastam, 20 krom 32, 21,7% M Johnston, 33 krom 171, 19,3%, Mrs A Swinbank, 5 krom 31, 16 1%. JOCKEYS: J Weaver, 44 introducts from 159 rules: 27.7%, h Darley, 28 from 185, 15.1%; O Pears, 3 from 20, 15.6%, J Carroll, 22 from 200, 11.0%, A Cuthane 7 from 67, 10.4%.

3-Y-0: £6,168: 1m 1{ 36yd) (5) 2-21 COMMONSSEIR BAY 12 (F) F Crapple-Hyam 8-12 ... J Reid 3
 1-00 LOVE ACADEMY 55 (F) M. Johnston 8-12 ... Dean McKecom 1
 3 -400 JACAMAR 27 (C,F.S) Miss L Penatit B-3 ... J Weserez 1
 12-5 EURITY PRINCES 38 (S) M. Johnston B-7 ... J Carrol 5
 0660 BEAU VIENIM 23 A Dicken 8-3 ... J McAutey (7) 4 5-4 Continuescur Bay, 6-4 Equally Princess, 6-1 Love Academy, 8-1 others.

8.20 SAINTS AND SINNERS CUP (Handicap: £7,003: 1m 65yd) (5) 5-2 Miss Salsa Dancer. 11-4 Takhiid, 3-1 Stormtess, 5-1 Segala, 6-1 Amber

8.50 WILCON HOMES SELLING STAKES (£3,566: 1m 11 36yd) (7)

1 32-3 COSCORDISA 11 P Monietro 4-8-11 D Pears 4
2 4000 FALLS O'MONESS 19 (D.S) K Burke 4-8-11 W Supple 6
3 O MARISOU 12 P Monietro 5-8-11 J Carroll 5
4 4 4 000 RACTINE CONGRIL 35 (C.6.S) D Notan 5-8-11 P Fessey (3) 2
5 0000 SWEET ROTE 55 Mass L Perrait 4-9-11 J Meaver 1
6 5060 MAQMANN'S MARASE 12 M Johnston 3-8-9 Dean McCleown 7
7 0306 RYCHELD STAR 13 (V) J Serry 3-8-4 K Carrley 3
7-4 Coscoroba, 3-1 Mautran's Mirage, 9-2 Faits D'Moness, 7-1 Sweel Mole, Rychield Star, 12-1 Ragiume Compit, 25-1 Mersol

9.20 SUN CHEMICAL SCOTTISH HANDICAP (£5,040: 1m 5l 9yd) (7)

7-4 Migel's Lad. 11-2 Lord Advocate, 6-1 George Dillingham, Neta Rufaca, 7-1 Filed. Field Of Vision. 8-1 Hull Farm Dancer.

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THUNDERER 6.40 Barton Chic. 7.10 Racing Hawk, 7.40 Sallin Minstrel. 8.10 Name Of Our Father, 8.40 Last Try. 9.10 Arc Of The Diver,

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT IN PLACES) 6.40 GALWAY FESTIVAL MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,327: 3m 110yd) (12 runners)

2 1 Barlon Chyc, 3-1 Whoseshol, 7-2 Dysad O'Dea, 8-1 others 7.10 SPRINGBANK STAFFORDSHIRE NEWSLETTER HANDICAP HURDLE (E2,390. 2m 4f) (10)

2-1 Dego. 5-1 Regardes, 6-1 Denty Open, 13-2 Winn's Profe. 7-1 others

7.40 ASHLEY ADAMS BURTON MAIL CENTENARY NOVICES CHASE

8.10 BILL LOVE TROPHY HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,438; 3m 110yd) (4)

1 115- MAJAE OF GUR FAITHER 188 (O.G.S) P Bowes 5-11-10 W Massaum 2 021- GREEN CRUSADER 14 (G.S.) Mos V Ward 7-11-1 N Williamson 3 423- TURRUL HOUSE TF (G.S.) W Massaum 6-10-0 _____ W Mooney (7) 4 1/PV WREICHGALL 613 (O.F.G) Mos J Pamas 8-10-0 _____ B Officerd 7-4 Name Of Our Father, 15-6 Green Crusader, 3-1 Furrill House, 13-2 Wreisengate

8.40 EMS GRILLON HANDICAP CHASE (£4,085: 2m) (5)

1 PSP. STORMA FALCON 16 (D.F.G) N ARACHEI 8-11-18 ... G Upton 2 234- DEAR DO 19 (B.D.O.S) N Herstenson 11-11-5 ... M. A Propusal 3 144- LAST 1RY 14 (BF.D.F.G.S) P Roomer 7-10-11 ... A S Scalar 2 210- ELMIN 261 (D.F.G.S) P Eccles 11-10-0 ... M. Ahen 5 DP4- KATIE'S JOKER 74 (G) 0 0 9468 12-10-0 ... V Statisty 11-8 Dear Do., 9-4 Sharm Falcon, 11-4 Last Try, 10-1 Newin, 33-1 Kabe's Johan

9.10 DRAYTON MERCEDES STAFFORDSHIRE LIFE HOVICES HURDLE (E2,941: 2m) (10)

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today.

ers, they lost the plot." Self-evidently, Woodward now regrets the omission of

> Windsor Going: good

CSF 114.67
7.00 (6) 1, Kathies Pet (R Cochrane, 8-1),
2, Tremormow (16-1); 3, Dorton Grange
(33-1); 4, Little Tumbler (11-2), Miss
Money Spoter 7-2 law, 18 ran NR; Mejalis
31, nk, R Hodges, Tole: £9.80; £2.40,
£5.80, £18.00, £1.80, DF: £7.990 Tirov not
won (pool of £602.31 carried forward to
totolay) CSF £134.80 Tirosoi: £3,822.97

8.00 (6) 1. Chorat Express (J Wikinson, 25-1), 2. Barrangham Breeze (33-1); 3, Buona Sera (14-1) Caprolo (4th) 7-4 tav 22 ran Nk, 1½ W Mulr. Tole, £70 30, £11.00, £4 40, £5 40 DF £1.362 40, Tno. £81 90 and 55 40 DF £1.362 40. £11.00, £4 40, £5 40 DF £1,362 40, Tno. £281 90 — part won (pool of £361.43 carned fotward to today) CSF £681 31 8.30 (1m 67vd) 1, Sifk St John (R Cochrane, 5-1); 2, Bless Im (4-1), 3, Bachelors Pad (14-1), 7 ran, NR: Chris Ped, Crizcy Chief Nk, 11 M Ryan Tole: \$4.80, £2.30, £2.50, DF, £7.50 Tho £8.00 CSF £24.59.

Going: Soft, heavy in places
6.45 (1m 2l 169yd) 1, Impertal Glen (J
Fowle, 20-1); 2, English Invader (12-1); 3,
Flocker 14-1) Lights of Home 7-2 fav 11
ran, NR: First Frame, Tul. 6l, 3l M Usher
Tote: 125-40, 123-40, 121-50 DF195-10, Tno: 1106-00 CSF: 1225-40
Tincast \$1,073-69
7-15 (1m): 1158-61 1, Total Rev CC and a

\$78.45 7.45 (1m 4l 115yd) 1, Carbunton II, Forums, 3-11, 2, Andaman (8-1), 3, Batho In Light (4-1) Keen Dancar (4th) 6-4 (av. 5 tan NR: Speaker's Chair 2, shi hd J Glover Tote £3.70; £1.60, £3.40. DF £26.30 CSF £23.29 Flag start

☐ Geoff Wragg, the Newmarket trainer, is to give Gulland time to recover from his disappointing run in the Vodafone Derby last Satur-day. The Chester Vase winner, who finished only eleventh to High-Rise at Epsom, was found to be dehydrated after

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: M. Pipe. 37 winners from 133 numers. 27.8%; N. Henderson, 9 from 34, 26.5%, P. Bowen, 6 from 24, 25.0%; S. Brodskow, 18 from 81, 22.7%, Mas. H. Knight, 17 from 81, 27.9%, JOCKEYS: A Maguere, 22 winners from 82 rides, 28.8%, J. Cullery, 18 from 32, 28.3%, J. Cullery, 18 from 37, 18.2%; S. Cifford, 3 from 18, 16.7%, N. Williamson, 19 from 116, 16.4%.

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RACING

Financial Plan under fire from auditors

By Richard Evans, racing correspondent

A DEVASTATING critique of British Horseracing Board's (BHB) much-vaunted Financial Plan, produced by Coopers & Lybrand and published yesterday, is set to present Peter Savill with his first significant challenge as the board's new chairman.

The City firm of auditors question, reject or even ridicule most of the central arguments and conclusions put forward in the Savill-inspired document aimed at improving the sport's finances.

The report was commissioned at a cost of £35,000 by the Betting Office Licensees' Association (Bola), which represents the main bookmakers. but Bob Young, who led the Coopers & Lybrand team, went out of his way to stress that their conclusions were in no way tailored to suit the wishes of the betting industry.

"If we had been asked by the BHB to produce a critique of its plan, it would look exactly as it does now. We have not attempted to take the betting office point of view in arriving at our critique. It is a neutral, independent assessment of what we think are the strengths and weaknesses of the plan," he said.

That assessment will make for gloomy reading within the BHB — especially as copies have been forwarded to Treasury and Home Office ministers - and will put Savill very much on the spot.

Savill was the prime architect of the plan, which prompted the resignation of Lord Wakeham and his own elevation to the head of racing's ruling body. A precis has been distributed widely within racing recently. It calls for an extra £105 million a year for racing, with £80 million of it coming from the £4.6 billion

bet annually on the sport. The plan claims the extra money - including an increase of £66 million in prizemoney - will create 9,000 jobs, attract 2,400 new owners and 3,400 new horses, and £450 million. Most controversial of all, it says Government tax revenues would be boosted by £110 million and bookmaker profits would go up by £50 million — "more than enough to cover the £80 million additional investment sought from

betting turnover". However, in the first comprehensive examination of the BHB's 83-page document since its publication in January, Coopers & Lybrand highlights the inconsistencies and weaknesses of the BHB strategy - and warms that, far from improving the sport's finances, it could damage them and lead to job losses.

"The BHB's Financial Plan no evidence for this," the specific criticisms.

report's opening line states. The BHB's arguments "do not stand close analysis". According to Bob Young, the document is fundamentally flawed. At the heart of the BHB thinking is a desire to boost internationally low levels of prize-money and it claims most of the new jobs, owners and horses would flow from

into purses. "The chain of events predicted by the BHB is highly dubious, based as it is entirely on the results of a small survey of existing racehorse owners [54 out of 8,677] who have a vested interest in the outcome." Coopers & Lybrand

the injection of £66 million

Far from extra prize-money prompting owners to reinvest in thousands more horses. recent experience tells the opposite story. Prize-money increased in real terms by 61 per cent between 1985 and 1996, but the number of horses in training declined by almost

7 per cent, the report states. It seems strange to us for the BHB to complain that owners are getting a poor deal when real prize-money per horse in training has im-

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Tarashaan (8.30 Kempton Park)

Tarashaan, a winner over ten furlongs as a two-year-old, looked in need of his seasonal reappearance over the same trip at Lingfield recently, and will appreicate the increased

> Next best: Clarity (8.00 Kempton Park)

proved steadily over the last decade. In summary, empirical evidence does not support the plan's claims as regards the impact of increasing prizemoney." The report estimates only 178 new horses in training would flow from a doubling of prize-money and, therefore, extra income, tax revenue and jobs would not be

Similarly, severe doubt is cast on the BHB's claimed benefits -- including 550 new owners and horses and 2.250 new jobs — of spending an additional £!4 million a year on marketing racing.

The report says it is "unlikely" the Government will give up £80 million of tax revenue to foot racing's demands, which means the money would have to come from the punter via increased betting duty or levy. Either way, that would depress rather than increase betting turnover.

Savill said last night that he was disappointed Bola had not discussed the report with the BHB before it was pubpaints a picture of British horse racing in crisis. We see

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Salisbury

Gorng: good to soft (soft in places)
2.15 (6) 1. WOORE LASS (Dane O'Neil),
7.21 2. Brenda Dea (D Sweeney, 8-1), 3,
Ticklish (F Lynch, 8-1), ALSO RAN, 3 fav.
Jazzmc, 8 Bitter Sweet (Sth), 10 Dim Otan
(6h), 12 Coral Red., 14 Sister Paince, 16
Jamarcan Law, 20 Rudris Gri, Simpson's
Coman (4th), 25 Goodenough Gri, 33
Lady Moorings, 13 ran, Ni, 2, 2 let, sh hd.
1/1 R Hennon at East Everleigh, Tote:
54 20: £1 20, £3 50, £2 80 DF: £21 30
Tito, £43 90 CSF: £29 22
25. £6 £12 (2011), HALMANERROR (T

csi 30; c1 20; c3 50, 52 80 DF; 32 7 80 Ino. csi 300 CSF; c29 22 2.45 (8; 212 ot) 1, HALMANERROR (T Curm, 6-1); 2, Caudillo (N Pollard, 7-1); 3, Frisbury Riyer (A Eddery, 40-1); 4, Famous (A Dely, 25-1), ALSO RAN; 4 lav Batyman (5th), 5 Never Think Twice, 8 lvor's Deed, 10 Gain Line, Variborough Lad 11 Abtaal, 14 hony's Grab Hire (8th), Siver Linng, Young Benson, 16 Octawa Hu, 33 Berossa Valley, Rolley Spriney, Spriney, Spriney, Proc. Zando, Scotland Bay 11st, N, 51 II, nd G McCourt at Wantage Tote £7 40, 180 (180 Curt at Wantage Tote), 180 (180 Curt at W

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2.15 (E11, DELTA SOLEIL (G HInd. 16-1).
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3.45 (1m 4l) 1, PENAY (Mr A Fanant, 5-2 (1lav) 2, Herbshan Dancer (Mr A Holdslav) 1, Herbshan Dancer (Mr A Holdslavorin 16-1), 3, Fanangdon Hill (Mr C
Ranson, 5-1), 4LSO RAN 5-2 (1-lev Yet
Agan (5th), 8 Pride Of Kashmir, Rock The



C46 30 Treast £185 76
4.15 (Im. 11 198yd) 1, ANAA-KU (S. Sanders, B-1. Timelreeper's top rating), 2. Indian Missile (J. Red. 13-8 tax); 3, Classic Manoeuvre (P. Hughes, 9-2; ALSO RAN 5 Groom's Gordon (5th), 5 Titts Ruffe, 14 Haddin (4th), 20 Nothern Sun (6th) 7 Ian NP Dominant Duchess, O'Kelly 14, 31, 1, 33, 1, 14, Gay Kelleway at Whitcombe Totle £9 40, £4 60, £1 10 DF £8 70 Titte £13 80, CSF £19 81

\$13.80. CSF: £18.81

4.45.60) 1. DVINIE LADY (D. Sweenzy, 7-1); 2, Dothy Day Dream (Martin Dwyer, 25-1), 3, Missing Ted (M. Roberts, 12-1)

ALSO RAN 13-8 tay Lady Muc (-14th, 5 Irma's Pel, 9 Fiona's Dream, Golden Syrup (5th), 10 Prote of Londubh, 16 Sweet Compliance (6th), 20 Arbor Ealis, Purple Dawn, 50 Martina Reity, 66 Ebony Beaver 13 ran, vi. nt., 5 hnd, 14, hd, 4 Jans, 31 Diddot Tote, £6 30; £2.80, £5.20, £3.40

DE £51.70 Thu £418.50 CSF: £166.94

5.15 (10th), 1. KARIYH (8 Hills, 4-6 fav), 2, DF 251 70 Tho SA18.50 CSF: 2166.94
5.15 (1m) 1, KARIYH (R Hills, 4-6 tavi. 2
Krista (S Sanders 9-1), 3, Honeybard
(Cane O'Neil, 40-11 ALSO RAN 9-2 Buzzy
Bomb, 11 Oberon's Mistral (6th), 12
Candescent, 14 Forest Dream, Mothers
Help, 16 Siver Sun, 20 Seattle Robon
(5th), Shardelow (4th), 50 Just Deserls,
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Pool of £49,562 82 carried forward to
Salisbury today).
Placepol. £265,30 Quadpot £71,20.

Anak-Ku aim

ANAK-KU will tackle the John Smith's Magnet Cup at York next month after his win in the Britvic Classified Stakes at Salisbury yesterday. Seb Sanders soon had Anak-Ku at the head of affairs and the fiveyear-old kept on strongly to defeat Indian Missile by threequarters of a length. He would have preferred better ground and would have won a for further if it had been fast." his trainer, Gay Kelleway, said.

Daylami leads Godolphin's Ascot challenge

By CHRIS MCGRATH

GODOLPHIN'S horses do not perform such a pivotal role in Flat racing's dramas in search of recognition merely as best supporting actor, and they will be launching a formidable challenge to re-trieve star billing at Royal Ascot next week.

Aside from the 1,000 Guineas success of Cape Verdi, they have endured a galling sequence of near-misses in the big races of 1998 — starting with Silver Charm's denial of Swain in a photo-finish for the World Cup in Dubai and sustained by the runners-up in all three championship races at Epsom last weekend, notably City Honours in the Vodafone Derby itself.

Precise plans will take shape on Newmarket Heath over the coming mornings, but the overall strength of Godolphin's team should ensure that Frankie Dettori will be supported by the likes of John Reid, who nearly em-bellished his fine record in royal blue when riding City Honours at Epsom, and perhaps Gary Stevens.

The American is hoping to repeat last year's successful visit, though domestic obligations mean that it would have to be compressed between Tuesday and Thursday, and various transatlantic calls were still being made last night. His oft-stated intention is one day to return to Europe



Gary Stevens, who won the Hardwicke Stakes on Predappio, left, at Royal Ascot last season, hopes to repeat his successful visit

for a longer stint, but the rider of Silver Charm (and some 4,000 other winners) is still. at 35, sustaining demand in his homeland for the indomitable talent that pulled the Hardwicke Stakes out of the fire for Godolphin

on Predappio last year. Should he make it, the opportunities potentially available are intimated by the presence of Faithful Son and possibly Starborough alongside Daylami in the Prince of Wales's Stakes on Tuesday. There seems little question that Dettori will ride Daylami, who made such an

auspicious debut for Godol-

phin when stepped up to ten furlongs in Ireland last

Yesterday, Saeed Suroor, his trainer, did not hesitate to nominate the grey as Godolphin's banker for the meeting. "Daylami did not work well on dirt before the World Cup, so we kept

him for Europe," he said. "We worried about the ground in Ireland. It was okay, but when we worked him on Tuesday, on good ground, he looked so good. He has a great chance."

The grandstand clock at Ascot had stopped yesterday, but in every other sense the

new regime there has very much moved with the times. One measure of this is a fiveyear increase of 30 per cent in attendances at the royal meeting; another, equally telling, is that the associated discomfort will see capacity reduced next week by 20 per cent in the grandstand.

SALISBURY

THUNDERER

2.15 Cappella 2.45 Gaily Mill 3.15 Last Christmas 3.45 At Large 4.15 Shalateeno 5.15 Fawning

Timekeeper's top rating: 5.15 GENIUS.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT IN PLACES) TOTE JACKPOT MEETING SIS DRAW: 5F. LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.15 WHITEPARISH FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,207: 51) (4 runners)

BETTING: 4-7 Cappella 11-4 Lively Lady, 8-1 Langans Figurine, 12-1 Addition.

1997: DESERT LADY 8-8 I Sprain (2-1 lav) R Charlton 8 ran FORM FOCUS

Addition Ditum filty out of Cadar Lady. Cappella neck 2nd of 9 to Sundae Girl in maiden fillies at Folliestone (61, good). Langars Figurane Petardia filty, half-sister to winning sprinlers. Lively Lady maiden auction stakes at Mottingham (54, good to fam.) CAPELLA will take plenty of beating in a modest event

2_45 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £2,682: 6f 212yd) (20 ru

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ı	209	(14)	0-000	SURPRESA CARA 36 (Ms E Whelpon) G Lewis 9-0 Paul Edder	y 58
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ł	215	[4]	000	TITANIUM DANCER 14 (LE: A Cone-Faran) B Machan 8-11 G Hammon (I) 50
ì	215	121	00220-	COURTREY GYM 232 (P Saunders) P Burgoyne 8-11 P McCabe (3	i 51
ſ	217	(10)	0306-	CAPTAIN JONES 335 (E Jones (Parks) Ltd.) M A Buckley 8-11 D O'Donoho	e 47
ł	216	(15)	14-0000	DANCE TO THE BEAT 14 (B) (Country Life Partnership) M Meade 8-6 F Norto	n 76
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BETTING: 6-1 Gast: Mill. 7-1 May 12: 8-1 Academy, Plante Tower, 10-1 Empire State, Tackings, 12-1 Zany Lady, Lidenda, Denze To The Seat. Consecus 14-1 others. 1997: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

Empire State 5%1 4th of 6 to Robin Lane in marken stakes at Redcar (1m 2), good to farm). Academy beat Mythons Mistake fell in 9-rumer stakes at Brightton (6f 209yd, farm). American Coustin 13 to Three Angels in marken stakes at Windson (5f 217yd, good to farm). Mail Tai 21 3rd of 11 to Earl To Somewhere in marken stakes at Chestow (1m 14yd, good to farm). Mail Tai 21 3rd of 16 to Buthriso in handicap at Newbory (6f 8yd, good to farm). Farme flower 1%1 2nd of 5 to Sch Touch in marken stakes at Brightton (7f 214yd, farm). Chief Btade 15f 9th of 11 to bonner in claiming stakes at Newbory (1m 2f 6yd, good). Gitdersleve 11f 7th of 12 to Zobarda in handicap at Wohrenhampton (7f, fibresand). Litamita 78f 4th of 11 to John Fermeky in apprentice stakes at Folkestone (7f 5oh). Nightly Magic, perulinnele start, 7%1 Brig of 18 to Sahgo in handicap at Salstony (1m firm) with Marketto (levels) 11f 70th, Gitdersleve (levels) 32f 11th and Chief Blade (8th better oil). 38f 16th. Cousecan 12f 14th of 20 to Little Tumbler in handicap at Lingheld 16th, good to firm).

FLAME TOWER gets a tentative vote in a tricky contest.

3.15 BOOKER FOODSERVICE STAKES

BETTIME: 4-5 Star Crystal, 2-1 Last Christmas, 9-2 Double Blade

(3-Y-0: £5,501: 1m 61 15yd) (3 runners) 31-20 LAST CHRISTIMAS 29 (7) (A Snezd) B HRG 9-2 M Hills 102 52-32 DOUBLE BLADE 5 (8) (2nd Moddleham Partnership) M Johnston 8-11 M Roberts 103 2-51 STAR CRYSTAL 19 (G) (M Poland) H Cacil 8-11 K Fallon 103

1997: WINTER GARDEN 9-2 L Delton (2-7 tav) L Currani 5 ran FORM FOCUS:

Last Christmas 941 8th of 11 to Baerstan in handscap at York (1m 21 85yd, good to soft). Double Blade 41 2nd of 8 to Brimming in maden states at Haydock (1m 61, good). Star Crystal beat Shursail 11 in 5-humm

STAR CRYSTAL can add to her determined Haydock success 3.45 TOTE HANDICAP [SHOWCASE RACE] (£7,295: 51) (13 runners)

Long handicag: Sharp Stock 7-9 BETTINK: 5-1 At Large, 6-1 Akster Jokson, 7-1 Sermani, 8-1 Centre Count, Sharp Stock, 10-1 Gipcy Mob Songsheet, Kram, Hall Tone, 12-1 others

1997: BARRANAK 5-8-10 C Rutter (6-1) G McCourt 12 ran FORM FOCUS:

Mister Jolson 24/1 8th of 13 to Supreme Angel in handicap at Acting (levels) neck on 5-numer stakes at Bath (5) 11yd, firm). Glipsy Moth 41 10th of 16 to Kricullien Lad in handicap at Redicar (5), good to firm). Samwar 111 4th of 12 to five Di Spaties in handicap at Wohenhampton (6), Ribresand) with Artisan Da (1810) worse oil) 15/1 7th. Centre Court 54/1 6th of 13 to Rambold in handicap at Chepctow (6) 16yd, good to firm). Songsheet 44/1 5th of 9 to Broadstains Beauty in stakes at Windsor (5) 10yd, good). Kram 24/1 6th of 11 to Sizzing in Deposition of Redigion (6) 21 22 and firm). Stem Stakes the reduction state to see Fectal Time 45/1 in 10-1 to broadstand Beauty in States a Window (p. 1970), goods Roam 244 on or 17 to Second in handicap at Brighton (5/213yd, firm) Sharp Stock, penultimate stant, beat Facile Tigre 141 in 10-namer handicap at Goodwood (5/1, good to firm) with Kram (5lb better off) 14/1 3rd and Half Tone (10th better off) 3/41 5th.

MISTER JOLSON, a course and distance winner, is latten to dety top weight

4.	15	CITY	BOWL FILLIES HANDICAP (£3,513: 1m 4l) (10 runners)	
501	(B)	23-0326	SHALATEENO 16 (BF,CD,F,G) (G Palmer) B Millman 5-10-0 T Sprake	74
502			HEART 13J (BF) (C & S Basher) Mrss H knight 5-9-12 R Hughes	_
503	(10)		MILLING 12 (BF) (C Miles) R (sugst 3-9-4 K Fallon	99
504	(2)		ADMIRE 11 (S) (Dorchester Racing Club) Miss G Kelleway 3-9-1 Martin Dwyer	97
505			FOREST FIRE 16 (Anchell Racing) 8 Harbury 3-8-11 A McGlone	
506			TEMPTRESS 34 (BF.D.F.S) (P Barrett) J.L. Harriz, 5-8-9	
507			FLYTING COLOURS 31 (BF) (Mrs R Baker) C Benstrad 4-8-5 A Clark	(10H) 75
508			KEEPSAKE 9 (CD.F) (T Barles) M Uster 4-8-4	
509			KOKA 8 (D.G.S) (W Wood) J Bridger 5-7-10 N Polland (7)	
519			MAGNE MOMENTI 14 (Miss S Clarke) J 5 Moore 3-7-10 N Adams	97
Long	handi	on Marin	Momenti 6. 13	

BETTIAIG: 3-1 Shalataeno, 7-2 Milling, 13-2 Forest Fire, 7-1 Temptress, 8-1 Heart, 10-1 others. 1997: SHALATEENO 4-9-8 T Sprake (13-2) B Millman 7 ran

FORM FOGUS

Shaksteeno 43/1 6th of 8 to Prantom Waters in handicap at Chepclow (1m 41, good to limm), previously nect. 2nd of 8 to Cheek in handicap at Bath (1m 51, firm) with Keepsake (levels) 21/4 4th Milling neck 2nd of 8 to Cheek in handicap at Bath (1m 51, firm), mith Keepsake (levels) 15 to incriting in malden stakes at Ayr (1m 21, firm), previously 53/4 5th of 15 to incriting in malden stakes at Leicester (7th better 6th 93/4 9th 6th 11 to Cornappet in handicap at Chester (1m 41, good) Flying Colours 50/1 12th of 15 to Wineyde-Bergerar in handicap at Bath (2m 11, good). Kika 91 5th of 9 to Yel Again in handicap at Brighton (1m 41, firm)

SHALATEENO can repeat her victory in this last year

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mr. D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 8

touritie in latest race). Earning on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard 6 — good. S — solt, good to solt, heavy). Owner in brackets. Framer Age and weight. Ride plus any allowence. Timeteeper's speed rating.

4.45 BALI RICE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £3,805: 61 212yd) (11 runners) BETTING: 3-1 Sprite, 7-2 Glearway Hill, 4-1 Zihaam, 7-1 Daphne's Dotl, 6-1 Purradas Road, 12-1 others 1997: MR SPONGE 9-0 L Delton (8-11 lav) I Balding 10 ran

FORM FOCUS
Glearning Hill 1/21 3rd of 6 to Glabze in Thirsk maiden stakes (1m. lim). Zihaarn 41 2rd of 1.7 to Tango in Pontefract marden stakes (61, good to limn) with Moon At Night (levels) 181 13th. Daphne's Doit 8½1 4th of 11 to Lonesome Dute in Kempton maiden stakes (71, good). Sprite 141 3rd of 9 to Prevalence in Kempton maiden stakes (71, good) with Purmadas Road (levels) 6341 5th

5.15 BOOKER ADVICE HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £3,353: 1m) (13 runners) 5 (2) 2110445 GENRUS 28 (0) (6 Steinberg) 5 Dow 9-2 P Doe (5)
6 112; 90-2822 FANNAND 12; A1C Promotions Lidh M Bleachard 8-11 C Rutter
7 (11] 020-050 SANTA COURT 15 (D & C Hotder) R Docton 8-10 R French
8 (10) 240-000 SUN LIDM 27 (5 Outfield) Nn; P Dutheld 8-9 P P Morphy (3)
9 (6) 5-4060 LAWLESS BRIDGET 19 (R West) M Mocade 8-6 T Sprake
10 (1) 00-800 GOLDEN LYRIG 19 (Mollars Racing) 6 Wragg 8-3 F Monton
11 (13) 0-30082 ROGER ROSS 72 (H Lawrence) R Flower 8-3 M Roberts
12 (5) 60-63 COURAGE UNDER FIRE 50 (Nas A Ireland) D Arbutimol 7-10 N Adams
13 (4) 005-500 FRECKLES 5 (P Avon M Ryen 7-10 N Carrisle) Long handicap Courage Under Fire 7-9, Frecides 7-1

BETTINGS 5-1 Favoring, 6-1 Gastus Roger Ross, 8-1 Imperial Prince, Bornto Aleska, Colden Lyric, 10-1 others 1997: CHASETOWN FLYER 8-4 B Doyle (33-1) N Berry 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

Imperial Prince 3% I 3rd to Polo Venture in stakes at Lingfield (1m 2f. equitrach). Bornto Ataska 4% I 5th to Prospectress in maiden stakes at Lingfield (7n. pood to lirm). Sara Moon Classic 10 5th to Retuse To Lose in handicap at Lingfield (1m equitrack) Fawming 11/4 2nd to Lyclan in handicap at Bath (1m, pood to firm) Golden Lyris 5% I 7m to Haydro James in handicap at Montingham (1m 2, firm) Roger Ross 1/4 I 2nd to Mister Tricky in handicap at Lingfield (1m. equitrack). Courage Under Fire 7/4/ 3rd to Aspirant Dancer in handicap at Folkestone (1m tf 149/ed, soft) with Fawming (2th worse off) 10/1 4th BOMB ALASKA can improve for the step up in trip

COURSE SPECIALISTS **JOCKEYS** TRAINFRS Andes,

7.30 BIG SCREEN FOOTBALL **KEMPTON PARK**

6.30 PATRON SAINT (nap): 7.00 Catchascatche 7.30 Deep Space. 8.00 Westminster. 8.30 Tarashaan. 9.00 Star Invader.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 7.00 Catchascatchcan. 7.30 Deep Space. 9.00 STAR INVADER (nap).

GOING GOOD DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS 6.30 SPELTHORNE FESTIVAL MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,648. 61) (17 runners)

KES (2-Y-O: £3,648. 6I) (17 runners)

ARZILLO: Dav 8-10

RUTE OF LIFE W Mark 8-10

HIGH CLARITY 9 Johnson Houghkin 8-10

5 PATROM SAINT 25 R Harmon 8-10

4U TOUGH GUY 6 13 Janus 9-10

AURACTY 5 Least 9-7

CHEF ARBA A Harmon 8-10

TO FINAL DEVICEMENT 27 13 Ferherson-Society 8-7

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6 MICHO COLOR 30 P Meetan 8-7

O THE HAMA 11 C Bravery 8-7

O A LA PERRICHE 23 R Corts 6-5

AURIT RO 13 Bell 8-2

BULE ROCK LADY C Wall 7-12

LOD SAINT 7-2 Tough Guy 8-1 ingestions, Greetian Tale, 8 J Lowe 13 Mackay 9 3-1 Paulon Sant, 7-3 Tough Guy B-1 Ingenious, Grecian Tale Sant Flo 16-1 Hogh Clasty, Chief Abba, 20-1 others Mucho Color, 10-1

7.00 STAINES NEWS AND LEADER SKY MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0 £3,564: 1m 4f) (12)

DEN STAKES (3-Y-U E3,004: 1M 41) (1
440 BELCADE 38 (B) 0 Element 9-0
50 DOVINANSHAN ST R AMERICAG 9-0
0 HELISARD 9 X: Names 9-0
0 KING OF STYLE 69 J Sheetan 9-0
0 KING OF STYLE 69 J Sheetan 9-0
235 DURITUS 36 P CONE 9-0
1-31 RABBOW WAYS 25 (BP) B HILE 9-0
0 WAVE RACER 36 B Fonton 9-0
0 CATOMAC ATTICACTOR 11 Live 15 Sacrots 8-9
10 COSMAC GRIL 11 Live 15 Sacrots 8-9
10 MORE ROOMN 18 E Dovako 9-9
10 MORE ROOMN 18 E Dovako 9-9 11 4 Catchastacticae, 7-2 Raiscop, Ways, 5-1 Quintus, Moly Crown, 7-1 Ande Eogs, 16-1 Drainstates, 14-1 Behade, 20-1 offices

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSPRS IN commoden 3 wigners from 9 runners 33.3%. H Cecil 13 born 50, 200% M Scotte 16 born 30, 17.6% C Walt. 4 from 25 16.0% R January magazine 4 ware 27, 14.6% R Americang, 5 born 35, 14.2% P Cecil 15 page 92, 10.3% JCCKEYS: Far Estery, 40 somers from 191 notes, 20 9% H Haighes 15 hors 76, 1977. F Faiton 5 hors 27, 16 5% W R Swittern, 9 from 56, 15 3% L Deton, 17 from 112, 15 2% M Halls, 14 from 103, 13 6% T Count, 29 from 122, 13 1%.

| ANNIDITARY (3-Y-U: £3,566: 61) (12) | 1-425 DUZ SHOW 4 (BF) R Harmon 9-7 | R Hughes 3 | 1-45 DUZ SHOW 4 (BF) R Harmon 9-7 | L Detton 9 | 3-450 BUE KITE 11 N Litmode 9-3 | T 6 McLaughlin 8 | 4-0-24 DEEP SPACE 14 (BF) F Durlop 9-2 | Pa Leddery 2 | 5-614 MOHAWN 25 (BF,0.5) J Dunlop 8-13 | T Outon 6 | 33-4 ODETTE 9 M Prescott 8-13 | S Sanders 4 | 7-003 PLAK JACKET 18 B Mechan 8-11 | S Sanders 4 | 7-003 PLAK JACKET 18 B Mechan 8-11 | S Sanders 4 | 7-000 DONE SINGER 11 (B,G) N Litmoden 8-7 | W Ryun 12 | 10-040 ARRY MARTIN 50 W Hour 8-5 | Mertin Dwyer 10 | 11-654 BUZZING 11 R Hamion 8-5 | Dans O'Mell 11 | 10-00 ROYAL BUE 14 M Lethe 8-0 | Mertin Dwyer 10 | 11-654 BUZZING 11 R Hamion 8-5 | Dans O'Mell 11 | 10-00 ROYAL BUE 14 M Lethe 8-0 | Mertin Dwyer 10 | Marshall 7 | Drette 6-1 Motorns 1-1 Plak Jacket R 1-10 Mr. Show North Seriel Deep Sonze-5-1 Odette, 6-7 Mohamis, 7-1 Flat Jacket, 8-1 Quiz Show, Night Spirit, Deep Space, Ann Martin, Buzzing, 10-1 others.

8.00 GUARDIAN PROPERTIES HANDICAP (£4,416: 1m 4l) (13) 4-1 Westmirister, 6-1 Farry knight, Statistick, Culty, 7-1 Kotaloona, 8-1 Mystic Ridge, 10-1 Billadde, Double Rush, 12-1 others

 $8.30\,$ Fusion at the Jubilee Club classified stakes (£3,355: 1m 6I 92yd) (6) 2-1 Court Started, 3-1 Tarashaan, 9-2 Brand New Dance, 13-2 Saintly Thoughts, 7-1 Padeul, 8-1 Salaman

9.00 SURREY RACING HANDICAP (£3,664. 1m) (15) J. UU SURREY RACING HANDICAP (£3,664. 1m) (15)

1 0204 MRI MAJICA 2 (?) B Meeban 4-9-13 ... Pat Eddary 13
2 0602 HEVEN GOLF GLORY 15 (BF.D.S) H Litimodan 4-9-12
4 40-0 DELIHOUS MOMENT 14 (D.G) P R Webbe 4-9-10 K Folion 3
4 5-55 SHARP SHUFFLE B (C.D.F.S) R Harmon 5-9-8 R Hanglas 10
5 4-10 STAR (MNADER 7 (BF.D.F) M Soure 4-9-7 ... L Deturn 9
6 7002 HUSWITY 9 (D.G.S.) G Bravery 6-9-6 M Hills 6
7 -3-45 SAFFRON ROSE 16 (D.G.S.) M Bearchard 4-9-4 D Sweeziny 5
8 4430 BURROOK 809 11 (D.F.G. Larve: 5-9-4 S Campy (7) 7
9 0501 VALLAGE NATIVE 15 (B.D.F.S) K C-Rown 5-9-2 ... Price 1
10 -000 PUZZI EMENT 14 (D) C BYIDAN 4-9-1 ... Pace Eddary 11
11 6010 CAPTAIN'S LDG 22 (D.G) M Bell 3-8-11 ... M Fersion 15
12 0-43 ROSEN SPLEHOUZH 14 S Com 3-8-11 ... W Ryan 2
13 1520 SCATHEBURY 228 (BF.D.F.S) K Bufte 5-8-4 ... T Quinn 4
14 0-00 ROCK RIVER 18 D O'Bren 4-8-1 ... T Quinn 4
15 0060 SAM GLAMORE MELODY 9 R Ingram 4-7-10 ... M Barrd (3) 8
5-1 SEV Invedte 6-1 Hugmity 7-1 Eurobox Boy 8-1 Mi Majica, Safton Rose 5-1 Star Invade: 6-1 Hugenty, 7-1 Eurobox Boy 6-1 Mi Majica, Satiron Rosa Rocan Solandow, 10-1 Heyer Golf Glory, Scathebury, 12-1 others.

BEVERLEY THUNDERER 2.30 Royal Dream. 3.00 An Executive Do. 3.30 Rymer's Rascal. 4.00 Reine Cerise. 4.30 Dushanbe. 5.00 Family Man.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS 2.30 WENSLEYDALE FILLIES HANDICAP

(£3,246: 51) (18 runners) 1 (14) -052 CAUTION 2 (C.F.) S Goldinos 4-10-0 ... J Wester 70 2 (15) 4044 ROYAL DREAM 12 (CD.F.S.) J Berry 3-9-9 ... J Carmal 81 3 (9) 3003 HEAVENLY ABSTONE 7 (V) P Frans 3-9-8 A McCarthy (7) 3 (9) 0800 (horsesses, research | T. Ezsterby 6-9-1 (fiex) | R Wingson (5)

(12) 05-0 ARCHELLO 26 (D.P. 6 Oktroyd 4-8-13 ... 6 Paridist (4) 2200 GDLD EDGE 4 (f) Enroc Incos 4-9-12 ... Kim Todder (18) 4200 ERACE 15 I Baddy 4-8-11 ... C Lorwiter (17) 0101 SURSET HARBOUR 20 (CD.F.G) S hetdenel 5-8-8 9 (11) 1501 HILTONS EXECUTIVE 13 (D,F) E Alcton 4-8-7 10 (1) 0-00 SUMMER DAY BLUES 28 (8) C Well 3-8-5 A Culture 58 11 (3) 0050 BALLARD LADY 11 (8F,6.5) J Warminght 6-8-3 D McKeom 70

13 (10) -003 DOMA PILPA 7 (D.F) Bosming 4-8-3 ... F Lynch 61

14 (16) 50-0 FRARTIS BAY 11 P Evars 4-8-2 C Cogar (7) 80

15 (13) -000 SUPERFRUS 5 Mes 1 Sardal 5-7-10 M Henry 16 (D 0-85 DYCE 11 (8) J Balding 4-7-10 P Fessay (3) 7

17 (7) 0000 HOLDERWESS GRIL 15 Mes 2 Care 5-7-10 D Memagh (7) 50

18 (5) -060 PATHAZE 20 (D.F) N Bycrot 5-7-10 D Weight 60

11-2 Surger Harbour, 6-1 Dominelle, Hiltons Executive, 7-1 Caution, Royal Dissan, 8-1 Heavenly Abstone, 10-1 Dom Filips, 12-1 others.

3.00 LYMESWOLD CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-0: £2,408: 5f) (13)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRANSERS: L. Carram. 8 senners from 22 runners. 36.4%. M. Wane. 5 from 22, 22.7%. M. Beil, 7 horn 32, 21.9%. W. 6 M. Tomer, 6 horn 30, 20.0%. J. Berry, 22 from 123, 17.9%. E. Dankey, 3 from 19, 15.8%. J.OCKEYS: K. Dankey, 50 venners from 220 ridge. 22.7%. C. Lowther, 4 from 21, 19.1%: J. Wazwer, 23 from 153, 15.0%; J. Carrott, 15 from 109, 13.8%; G. Carlett, 8 from 75, 10.7%. D. Harnson, 4 from 38, 10.5%.

3.30 ELTHERINGTON HANDICAP (£3,784: 7f 100yd) (13)

[2.5], C44: IT 10U(d) (1.5)

1 (10) -0.55 RYMER'S RASCAL 11 (CD.F.S) E Alston 6-9-18 R Lappin 74

2 (7) 2503 SICKERS PLYER 11 (C.F.S) M Wave 4-9-8 J Weaver 82

3 (6) 0-60 SYMERAK RLYER 14 (D.F.G) & Fohme, 7-9-8 A Carlame 8-14

4 (3) 8-54 D. DESTRO 23 (F.S) B Street 6-9-4 J Stack 59

5 (5) -400 E.PRO SCETTIC 7 (B.C.D.S) T Extently 6-9-1 R Winston (5) 81

6 (8) 0-66 ABSTONE OUEEN 11 (V.D.G) P Fears 4-8-11 C Copgan (7) 81

6 (9) 0-60- REPTON 225 Mcs. A Swindbash 3-8-4 P Feastly (3) 70

7 (1) 0-01 THATICHED 15 (CD.F.S) R Ban 8-8-8 P Feastly (3) 70

8 (9) 0-600- REPTON 225 Mcs. A Swindbash 3-8-4 T Williams 59

10 (4) 2000 SMART ELEST 7 (F.S.S) J Paties 6-8-2 W Supple 61

11 (12) 0-00 CHOLB ROS 18 (C.D.F.S.S) P Rottneil 7-8-2 L Churrooc 77

12 (13) 2005 MCBEY RAFNES 7 (F.S) Envisor incare 9-8-0 Kim Thirter 80

13 (2) 4006 REPTON 25 Stack Destro 16-7-11 W Heavy -- transcript --

4.00 ERNEST NORRIS MEMORIAL HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £3,488: 1m 3f 216yd) (5)

9-4 Reme Carisa, 5-2 Winsome George. 4-1 Belladera, Accystan, 7-1 Berl St 4.30 STILTON MAIDEN STAKES (£3,716: 7f 100yd) (15)

1 (11) 00 CHARLE CHOCK 14 M Multimean 4-9-7 A MoCartey (3) 40

2 115) 00 HELBRIS 01 M Multimean 4-9-7 S Righton (7)
3 (8) 00 COURTLEDEE 14 Mec. J A Camacho 3-9-11 L Charmock 51

4 (3) 04 DLEFF SMRET 16 T Easterty 3-8-11 R Winston (5) 75

5 (7) DLSHAMEE L Custan 3-9-11 R Winston (5) 75

6 (14) 2-22 ESD MSET 77 (8F) M Bell 3-8-11 L J Weaver 198

7 (9) 4 RESPORT 77 (8F) M Easterty 3-8-11 A Duffage 6

8 (1) 0-00 SEVEN 33 B Smart 3-9-11 J Schack 50

9 (2) D ASHLESH BAMCR 137 A Belley 3-8-6 J Bockey (7) 71

10 (5) 45 CAEROSA 9 J FitzSandt 3-9-6 P Pessy (3) 71

11 (6) 0 DUBITHL STP 14 T Existry 3-8-6 D Henrison 49

12 (10) 5-0 MOMENTARILY 11 E Duston 3-8-6 C Lowritor 6

13 (41 3 NOTAEY PARK 22 Mess L Persat 3-9-6 R Lappin 74

14 (13) 0 SABO SORO (14 M Was 3-8-6 R Lappin 74

14 (13) 0 SABO SORO (14 M Was 3-8-6 R Lappin 74

14 (13) 0 SABO SORO (14 M Was 3-8-6 R Lappin 74

15 (10) 5-5 SCOLD 24 J Wastengtil 3-8-5 F Lynch 74

18-9-4 ESD Might, 9-2 Notby Park, 7-1 Dustranbe, 8-1 Daleep Singh, Caernsa, 10-1

Regency Times, Mornenterthy, 16-1 otbers

5.00 CHESHIRE CHEESE HANDICAP (£3,397. 1m 1f 207yd) (7)

1 (4) 210- KARAKIA 238 (BF.F) S Wronds 4-10-0 ______ N Day 60
2 (3) 3121 LEGAL ISSUE 7 (C.D.F.G.S) J Helherton 6-9-12 (5xig)
3 (2) -605 OPULENT 7 (C.S) Mrs M Reveley 7-9-11 ... J Webser 75
4 (6) 0-05 FAMILY MAN 1 (F) J Forchaus 5-9-11 ... D Harrison 87
5 (7) 40-0 FRILDER 235 (F) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-0 ... A Culbane 70
6 (1) 3303 GOLDEN ACE 7 (G.S) R Space 5-8-5 ... P Fessey (3) 8
7 (5) 2063 WARRISHS REEF 19 E Alsian 5-8-0 ... W Sepple 77 7-2 Family Man, 4-1 Legal Issue, 9-2 Golden Ace, 5-1 Oputent, 11-2 Warrang Reel 6-1 Fullopeo, 10-1 Karaisa

BUNKERED RIRST TIME: Beverley: 2.30 Summer Day Blues. Hamilton Park: 650 Tropical Beach. Salisbury: 2.45 Empire State, Mantello. 3.15 Double Blade. Uttowater: 6.40 Gladstone

Australian threatens to cast aside Wimbledon

By Julian Muscat, tennis correspondent

THE grass-court season is supposed to silence rampant Spaniards and amplify explosive customers such as Mark Philippoussis. Imagine the surprise, therefore, when Philippoussis, the defending champion and seeded No 9. was ousted from the Stella Artois championships yesterday by Jordi Burillo, a Spaniard playing his first match on the sward for three years.

On second thoughts, it was not quite the upset it seemed. Philippoussis, of Australia, has endured a dreadful year both on and off the court. His results have been disappointing and he has been in bitter conflict with his Davis Cup

colleagues.

Philippoussis's mind is in turmoil; his tennis in decline - so much so that he suggested that he might not play at Wimbledon later this

month. "This year has been pathetic for me," he said. "I have no desire and people can see that in me. I can't afford to give away matches like that. It is better not to go out to the

Burillos 7-6, 7-5 triumph was all about Philippoussis imploding than any great strides on the part of the Spaniard. He was unsure of foot throughout, although two double faults — the second when set-point down -- contrived to lose him the opening set. He did not have the stomach to recover.

Only Philippoussis, nicknamed "Scud" for his powerful service, would contemplate dishing up a second serve of 170kph when trailing 10-9 in a tiebreak. Such brazen risktaking underlines his propensity to self-destruct.

Philippoussis denied that his frission with John Newcombe, the Australia Davis Cup captain, has influenced his mood, but his refusal to represent his counuted to his sense of isolation. The situation was compounded when he turned up for the tie against Zimbabwe and commentated on his compatriots' losing effort on television.

Philippoussis, 21, to arrest his slump. "I really don't know

what it is," he said. "I am very confused. I didn't do well on clay in Europe and I was looking forward to playing on grass. That has backfired." Those sentiments very

much applied to three of Britain's four wild-card en-trants. Home soil has proved a fertile source of success for the likes of Andrew Richardson, Mark Petchey and Martin Lee, but they were all bundled out by footsoldiers of the circuit. Only Chris Wilkinson advanced to the second round, in yet another demonstration of Britain's lack of depth beyond Greg Rusedski and Tim Henman.

Wilkinson was involved in a running feud with Mohammed Lahyani, the umpire, in the closing stages of his match with Sandon Stolle, of Australia. Lahyani made some strange calls, particularly when he overruled a linejudge and erroneously refused to have the point replayed. Wilkinson, the British No 3, sufficiently retained his composure

to prevail 7-5, 3-6, 7-5. Of the vanquished British trio. Lee's demise was the most disappointing when set against the progress he made here 12 months ago. On that occasion, it took Goran Ivanisevic to topple Lee in the third round. This time he resumed a perilous overnight position against Sargis Sargsian, of Armenia, and succumbed without protest. If Lee has regressed, Rich-

ardson, ranked No 161, has at least maintained his position in the world order. However, he will rue his third-set collapse against Daniel Nestor. of Canada. Richardson should have been been comfortable with the gusting winds, yet his service, usually a tower of strength, betrayed him.

This was very much an opportunity spurned by Richardson, who would have faced the out-of-form Jonas Biorkman, seeded No 4, in the ☐ Marat Safin, the young

Russian who made such an has been given a wild-card entry for Wimbledon. Conqueror of Andre Agassi and Gustavo Kuerten, Safin, 18, joins the British trio of Wilkinson, Richardson and Mark Petchey in the main draw. The three remaining wild cards are to be allocated this week.



Ivanisevic, from Croatia, reaches for a backhand volley during his 6-1, 7-6 victory over David Wheaton yesterday

Wimbledon beyond Becker

AFTER all the games, all the rumours and all the hopes, Boris Becker has at last admitted that one more crack at Wimbledon is beyond him. The fact was made very clear to him yesterday in the first round of the Gerry Weber Open. Playing Hendrik Dreekman, one of the great hopes of German tennis a few years ago but now just another one of the anonymous journeymen on the ATP Tour, he

was outplayed, and, ultimately, outfought in an epic, if not necessarily classic, match. "I knew I would have to win a couple of rounds here to give myself a chance, but losing in the first round — that is it, I know I am not ready," he said.

"I tried, but I knew that I had to perform, I had to deliver. I didn't do that today and that is why my decision is final I am disappointed now, but after I have slept on it for a couple of nights, I will be relieved. It would have been a sure and a huge burden to carry for the next couple of weeks. But, at heart, I am a competitor. I want to win not just to play. That is what has brought me to this decision." Played in front of a capacity

FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN HALLE

town of Halle has a popula-tion of only 20,000 — Becker sweated for more than two hours to try and get his game out of second gear, but all to no avail. With limited match play these days, he usually takes a few games to get up to full speed, but by the time the first set had slipped from his grasp, even he must have realised that this was going to be hard work.

Dreekman made life easy for himself, serving exceptionally well in the opening stages

while Becker, normally lethal on the backhand return, was lucky to get a racket on most deliveries. The only break point came from a Becker double fault - he was not having much luck on his service either - and when Dreekman blasted a forehand return past him to take a 4-2 lead the first set was effectively

Gradually Becker began to look a little more like his old self in the second set as the

Golarsa beats showers to defeat Chladkova

became the first winner at the stop-start DFS Classic at Birmingham yesterday when she beat last year's Wimble-Denisa Chladkova, of the Czech Republic, 6-3, 7-5 in a first-round match interrupted by rain.

Golarsa, 30, who is best remembered for being within two points of beating Chris Evert in the last eight of Wimbledon in 1989, was a set 12,000 crowd — something of an achievement given that the

LAURA GOLARSA, of Italy. up and 4-4 in the second when a heavy shower forced the

players off. On the resumption, the 19year-old Chladkova held her Golarsa — at 79 ranked 19 places below Chladkova -won the next three games to reach round two.

Steffi Graf, the number one seed from Germany, has yet to make her tournament bow having been granted a first round bye.

Dreekman was still not going to roll over. Becker piled on the pressure, turning up the service power, but he was still not looking secure. Only when Dreekman crumbled in the final game. losing his service to love, did it appear that Becker was home and dry. Surely Dreekman would not have the nerve to beat Boris in Germany with Wimbledon just around the corner?

With Becker serving aces on all the big points and a few more besides. Dreekman finally managed to latch on to a couple of returns to earn himself a break point to go 5-4 up, but given an open court he sent the forehand long. But even after such a reprieve Becker could still not move up a gear to teach the young man a lesson.

Taken to the final set tie-break Becker saw a 40 lead evaporate as Dreekman refused stuck to his guns. Although he was throwing in abandon, he still went for the big service and eventually it paid dividends as, on his fifth match point, he won 6-3, 5-7, 7-6. And at least Becker was able to make his own mind up on home turf rather than having his limitations exposed at the All England Club.

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Contempt for players earns just deserts I et us begin with a sad tale, one that has always rather haunted me, it contemps Addition, one not asily Additional ad

being wrought perplexed in the extreme. His loving daughters lovingly moved him to accommodation that would make his life less full of daily worries. But moving, as we all know, invariably is pure hell. And about three quarters of the way through, the old fellow turned to his daughters and asked: "In the name of what are we doing this?"

The England rugby union team would be fully justified in asking the same question. and so would everyone who has a passing interest or affection for England rugby union teams, and so would anyone who takes a passing pleasure in seeing England rugby union teams getting beaten. All of these people

are getting short-changed. England are touring the three finest rugby union nations on earth. Perhaps. in terms of the fitness and method of the modern era, the three finest and most ferocious rugby union teams there have been.

And they are taking them on 6 A very good with a team that would struggle tour to miss, to qualify as an a tour for England second

losers, and They began many will be losing 76-0 to Australia, Engdestroyed **9** land's worst international de-

feat. I am by no means sanguine of the lasting power of that record. I fancy it will be broken again and again in the coming weeks as England play New Zealand and South Africa.

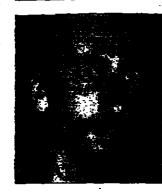
Send 'em home! That is the invariable cry when a tour gets off to a bad start. It is the cheapest of cheap journalism, because they never do send 'em home. And why should they? The team is the best England can put together and it must hope that some players find long-term strength in catastrophe.

But this team is not the best that England can produce. The best players are all at home, mending their professional rugby. Many are recovering from surgery: this groin, that cartilage.

A plain and obvious fact is that the human body cannot stand playing rugby 12 months of the year. It is a game of violent physical confrontation and one in which the slightest hesitation opens the way to serious injury. You simply cannot afford to play modern rugby union when you are a little off the pace, a little short of

And so, after a full season been organised for the brief break between seasons. And





Midweek View

the top players, on fat club contracts, with duties to themselves and to their principal employers, have, one after the other, dropped out. It has become a very good

tour to miss, a tour for losers and it will destroy many players involved, because they are not the best that England can provide. They will not become toughened by the experience next time they play for England. That is because they won't play for England next time. They

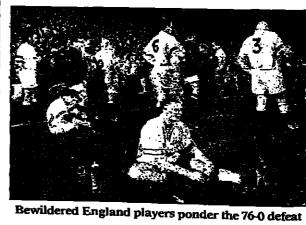
will be de stroyed. used up, found out, chucked aside. The big boys will come back from their surgeons and their physios and continue as if the tour had

never been. What does all this tell us? It

tells us, not for the first time, about the absolute idiocy of the Rugby Football Union (RFU). It tells us, not for the first time, that the RFU has absolutely no idea about rugby union players. It tells us that the RFU really rather despises rugby union players and has no understanding of their lives. Only contempt. Well, they get paid enough don't they? We never got paid. Bah.

Humbug. Meanwhile, rugby union has been toughened up to a degree impossible for a human body to maintain, yet we get more and more of it. It is one of the great diseases of modern sport more and more and more, spend the more where that came from. And indeed there are plenty more, as this tour shows. But there are not plenty

more players of excellence. Kingsley Amis famously and shockingly wrote in favour of elitism in education, under the slogan: "More will mean worse". It is not true of education, which is not essentially an elitist matter. But sport is inescapably elitist; professional sport doubly so. We get more and more and more sport. And more will mean worse. QED. In the name of what are we doing this? Money, I suppose. Bah. Humbug. Send 'em



GOLF: NOVICE NAGL CONQUERS THE FLOODS AND FEARS AT LITTLE ASTON

Brazilian offers breath of fresh air

IT WAS scarcely samba weather during the first round of qualifying for the British women's Amateur Championship at Little Aston yesterday, but a girl from Brazil was the first to show that the course was playable after all.

In fact, Miriam Nagl, 17, is a cosmopolitan Berliner who studies in Florida and will be supporting Germany in the World Cup finals. She was born in Brazil - her father was in the air-conditioning business — and lived there for eight years. She has only been playing golf for five years and has yet to learn how tough the game can be, as indicated by a round of 71, one under par, in blustery conditions that baffled many an experienced competitor.

By Patricia Davies

On Monday evening, 14 of Little Aston's greens were flooded and Julie Hall, the championship secretary, fearful of more rain, had to resort to the high ground for her pin positions, including one at the 14th that she admitted was "ridiculously difficult." To her surprise, she had no complaints - "I'd have moaned," Hall, who won this title in 1990 and 1995, confessed - but she was relieved when Nagl posted the first score under 78.

The youngster, who last week won the German junior championship by 16 shots, made a late run with birdies at the 15th, 16th and 17th. Her score was later bettered by Karin Icher, a formidably

talented 19-year-old from France, who would have broken 70 had she not missed a three-foot putt at the last hole. That came as a shock to Claire Dowling, her playing partner, who described Icher's putting as "phenomenally good" and was made to feel her age, 40, after an 82.

Dowling, four times a Curtis Cup player, said that she had no chance of making the green at two of the par-fours the 400-yard 2nd and the 391yard 10th — but described the way the course was set up as "tough but fair".

Barbara Hackett, the former Irish champion from Castletroy, coped better than most, counteracting three bogeys with a trìo of birdies from the 3rd in her 72. The 28-yearold Munster champion has been improving her mental approach and smiled: "I don't panic as much as I used to."

With the Curtis Cup side due to be chosen this week, there is plenty of panic about but one player with no such worries was Sue Spencer, a Staffordshire county player from Whittington Heath, making only her second appearance in the championship, at the age of 35.

"I'm not one of the whippersnappers," she said, but a round of 77, that included a triple-bogey eight at the 3rd. deserved an honourable mention.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Goulding loan offers rejected by St Helens

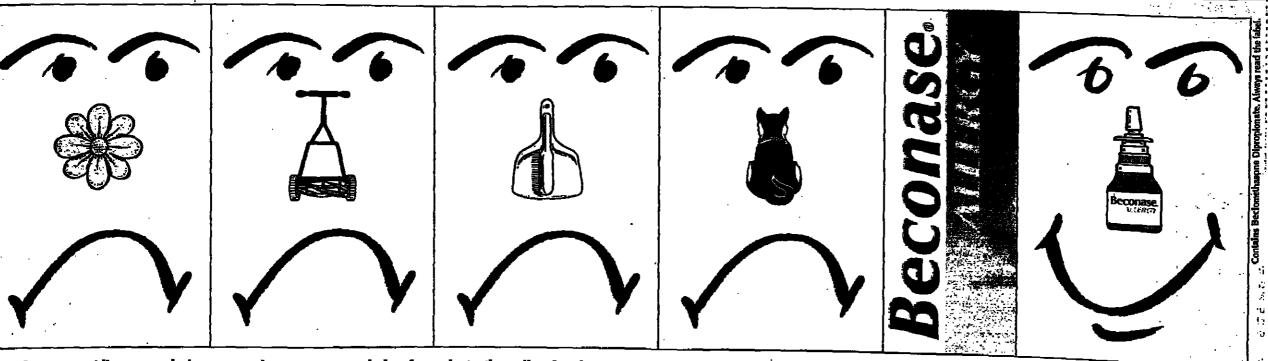
ST HELENS rejected offers by Sheffield Eagles and two first division clubs yesterday to take Bobbie Goulding, the Great Britain scrum half, on loan (Christopher Irvine writes). Goulding has been dropped for the past two matches because of poor form and is due to appear for the reserves at Widnes tomorrow. David Howes, the St Hel-

ens chief executive, said: "We're down to 22 first team squad players and someone of Bobbie's calibre will not be going anywhere. He will play some part in the Alliance match against Widnes and is in contention for our home Super League game against London Broncos on Sunday."

John Kear, the Sheffield coach, had inquired about Goulding's availability as a stopgap replacement for Mark Aston, who is injured. With Shaun Edwards, Matt Calland and Tahi Reihana the latest additions to a lengthy casualty list at Bradford Bulls, there was further bad news ahead of the game tomorrow against Wig-an Warriors, after Warring-ton Wolves rejected a #50,000 offer by Bradford for Jon Roper, their centre. Danny Peacock, Paul An-

derson and Warren Jowitt are out for the season, and tomorrow. Graeme Bradley, the Bradford captain, faces probable ban.





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Penalty Shoot-Outs: extra time (golden goal) goal and assists are awarded as above. For extra time goals points are deducted against the goalkeeper and defenders as above. No points are awarded for penalty shoot-out goals.

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there is lingering concern about their defeats this year by the United States in Miami and by Argentina in Rio de Janeiro. But they have such bewildering strength in depth that they can afford to leave out Denilson, the most expensive player in the world. Even the place of Leonardo was in doubt until yesterday, but he is now tipped to start.

Craig Brown's side.
The Scottish team hold no secrets for us," the Brazil coach, Mario Zagallo, said. They have an excellent sweeper in Hendry and know how to counter-attack when the occasion presents itself.

I accept that we are still something of

Altogether, they should be far too strong for

an unknown quantity. Because the 1994 Brazilian side had to qualify, we found out about its qualities long before the finals. This time around, it's a little different as we will only discover the team's worth as the tournament progresses. Our victory in the Copa America in 1997, though, has enabled us to draw certain conclusions."

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MOROCCO v NORWAY

FROM BRIAN GLANVILLE

razil may be favourites in group A. but Norway seem certain to take second place, at least. This is a powerful, compact team with more flair than 1994, when they failed to beat ten-man Italy in Giants Stadium. Morocco, judged by their form in the recent Casablanca tournament, are unlikely to resist them in Montpellier's Stade La Mosson, though after a disappointing display against England, who beat them 1-0, they were a great deal better in their 2-2 draw with France.

Salaheddine Bassir scored both Morocco goals and will need careful watching. At 25, he is sharpening his game in Spain, like others in the squad, and has scored 15 international goals. Morocco also place great hope on Youssel Chipo, a midfield player who has had a productive season in Portugal with FC Porto, the champions. Henri Michel, the experienced French coach of Morocco, picks out Noureddine Nayber a central defender, as his key man, but he and his colleagues at the back will find it hard to contain a talented attack.

Young strikers such as Tore Andre Flo. of Chelsea, and Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, the Manchester United player, have broken through since 1994 and Norway's direct, economical football overwhelmed Mexico in a recent international, while they will have no fear of Brazil, having beaten them 4-2 in Oslo in their most recent meeting. Egil Ostenstad has had a fine season leading the Southampton attack and Norway could well afford to play all three of those strikers.

There is, as can be seen, a huge "English" presence in the team. The Manchester United pair of Ronny Johnsen and Henning Berg are expected to be partners in central defence, with Stig Inge Bjornebye, of Liverpool, at left back. NORWAY (4-3-3): F Grodas — G Halle, H Berg, R Johnsen, SI Bkornebye — S Solbalvien, K Rekdal, O Leonhaudean — E Ostenstad, T A Ro, O G Solshaer.

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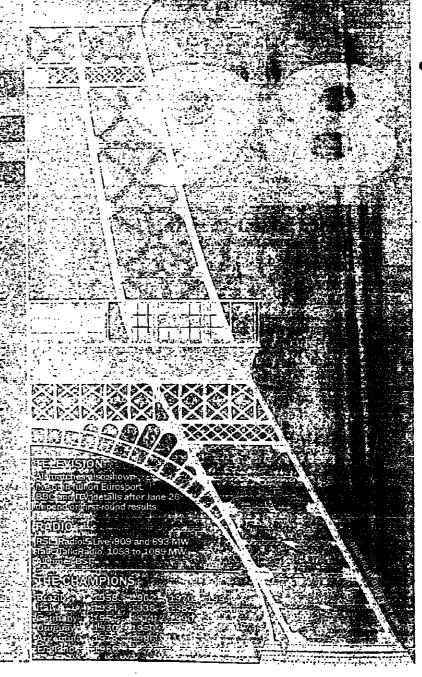
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What they said: "I don't think the French people realise that this is an event of the greatest significance worldwide and that it's taking place in France."—Aimé Jacquet, the France manager

Bets of the day: 200-1: Scotland to beat Brazil 1-0 this afternoon, Roberto Carlos scoring an own goal. The bet has been placed by Justin Currie, lead guitarist with Del Amitri, the rock group. He had a dream, has invested \$50 and stands to win £10.00 if Roberto Carlos swerves a shot into his own net. 100-1: Kevin Gallacher to score the first goal and Scotland to win 1-0. 11-4: Ronaldo to score the first goal.

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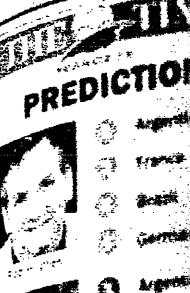
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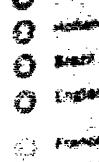
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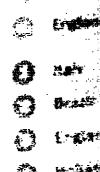
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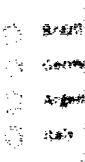
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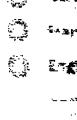








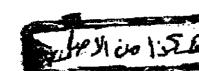












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Scots unlikely to prove soft touch

FROM KEVIN McCarra IN PARIS

SO FAR as videos of Brazilian football go, it will never be a best seller. It does not feature Pelé, Tostao, Rivelino or Garrincha. Nor is it suffused with the benign mood of men who had no need to make peace with disappointment. Nonetheless, the footage enraptures the members of the

Scotland World Cup squad. These men face Brazil in the opening match of the tournament, at the Stade de France, and they have relished the tape of their opponents lumbering through a 4-2 defeat by Norway last summer. "We have looked at it because it shows Brazil letting themselves down," said Tom Boyd, the defender. "We cannot put them on too high a pedestal because we have to compete."

As an after-dinner speaker, Alex McLeish, the Hibernian manager, is prone to reminisce about his experiences as a callow youth at the 1982 World Cup, where Scotland lost 4-I to Brazil. He claims that, in the closing minutes, six men were marking Zico since each of them wanted to be in proximity to him at the full-time whistle in the hope of

swapping jerseys. Scotland have taken too many souvenirs of that sort from previous World Cups; colourful scraps associated with failure. Bucking that trend will always be a daunting task, but the Scots could at least rid themselves of deference that is often disguised as good cheer. They have long been an easy touch, collecting only four victories in 20 matches at the World Cup finals dating from 1954.

The self-deprecation of those who follow the team is attractive, but it has been achieved by sacrificing ambition. Humiliation followed, in the past, whenever Scotland imagined themselves capable of excelling. It is natural that nobody should wish to court such ignominy again, yet life without hope is arid. It may be that the current side has at



Members of the the Brazil team train in relaxed style in the final session before the match with Scotland

last succeeded in creating a

Delusions of superiority are denied entry to this squad, but its members are in the habit of believing in their own competence. Craig Brown, the manager, likes to refer to men who have proved that there can be a good exchange rate for talents valued in Scotland. John Collins has won a League championship medal with AS Monaco and Paul

Borussia Dortmund team that defeated Juventus to take the European Cup in 1997.

When one considers the service that Colin Hendry and Kevin Gallacher have given to Blackburn Rovers, the suspicion grows that Scotland tend to understate the talent available to them. Matching Brazil, of course, is another issue entirely, no matter how weakly they have played in recent friendlies. but Brown's team will not crumple as readily as some of its predecessors.

The decisions taken for tonight's game are bold. "It is not our intention to play in defence," the manager told the international press. "That would be a recipe for disaster." Those remarks may have struck his audience as courteous platitude. The substance to the assertion came roundings, when Brown told the Scottish journalists his line-up.

Darren Jackson is one of three forwards in it, although he will be expected to take up a deeper role when Scotland are under pressure. Brown has come to the conclusion that attacking Brazil is a matter of prudence rather than romance. He is convinced that there are weakingly, there is no room in the side for Billy McKinlay, whose principal contribution

would have been tenacity.
"When Robert Carlos comes forward from left back." Brown explained, "there is space left behind in the space left behind him. Jackson can exploit that and I'm sure that Burley will cope with Roberto Carlos in

It is the manager's theory that men such as Collins and Burley, when they press for-ward, can reveal frailty in the Brazil full backs if Scotland are only deft enough in switching play from one wing to the other.

Such thoughts almost amount to insubordination, if not downright folly. The customary foreboding over a

TODAY'S TEAMS

BRAZIL (4-4-2), Taffarel — Cafú, Aldair, Junior Baiano, Roberto Carlos — Giovanni, Dunga, Cesar Sampaio, Rivaldo — Ronaldo, Bebeto.

match with Brazil, whom Scotland have never beaten, has, however, faded over the months since the draw was made. They are justifiably called the best team in the world," said Brown, "and they are favourites to retain the World Cup, but I expect them to have a difficult match against us.

"The opening game has a habit of throwing up surprises and it will be a surprise if we win. Some people would even regard a draw as a surprise." Scotland's sound form in warm-up matches and their opponents' difficulties have engendered a degree of hope. "The boys have worked hard." Brown remarked, "and they are due a wee turn."

For the moment, with a curious caim upon Scotland, it almost seemed sane to regard a win over Brazil as a little reward for industry.

Waiting game offers practice to accept rub of the green

ing in my preparations for the World Cup. It is a sport I was not planning to take up for a few years yet because 1 am only 26, but it was a hardfought contest, with Paul Lambert, Simon Donnelly, Jackie McNamara and me on the green on Monday evening. It might have taken bad light to stop play if there had not been a team meeting.

As you will gather, there is a lot of time to fill. Our hotel in Provence is luxurious and there are film shows and other events organised for us, but, of course, we have to be in a secluded spot. We need peace to get on with our build-up. All the same, it is a relief to know that we will soon be playing our match with Brazil at last. The bigger the game,

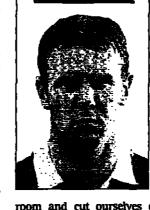
the longer the wait. Last month, there was a week to fill before Celtic could win the Scottish championship by beating St Johnstone. For the opening match of the World Cup, the delay has been far longer because everyone has been discussing it since the draw was made in December. Whenever there is a big game ahead, people want to come up and tell you what you should do.

Naturally, we understand all that ourselves and we are just dying to go out on the pitch and do it for real. In the meantime, it has all been calm in the Scotland squad. We have been training hard in hot conditions and sometimes there have been two sessions a day, so the idea of getting an early night has become highly popular with the squad. It was only on Monday that

did not expect that a game Craig Brown even began to of bowls would be featur-talk to us in depth about Brazil. I think he was wary of making a fuss earlier in case he just built up Brazil in our minds. There is no other country that means so much in football. All of us grew up watching their great players and we can remember seeing marvellous goals and wonder-

ful bits of skill. What Scotland have to keep in mind is that we are not playing the people we saw on television and we cannot allow ourselves to be impressed just because the opposition are wearing those famous jerseys. The team that faces us is the current Brazil and they are not invincible. We need to be level-headed about the whole occasion as well.

The size of the crowd itself should not matter. With Celtic. I play in front of 50,000 eoole at every home match and the 80,000 in the Stade de France will be no shock. The unusual element is the hype. with the razzmatazz and the opening ceremony. We will be glad to reach our dressing-



CRAIG

BURLEY

room and cut ourselves off from all of that. The really nervous moment will come when we are standing in the tunnel and I don't know how that is going to feel.

At least when the game egins we will be back in a familiar situation. With Scot-



Roberto Carlos is likely to provide stern oppsition

land, I usually play on the right of midfield and if that happens again tonight I will be up against Roberto Carlos, the Brazil left back. I am just glad that he is slow and has no left foot! Joking apart, every member of our side will

be facing excellence. We have to work as a team and cover each another because we must avoid any of our players being caught oneon-one with an opponent. In that situation, someone like Ronaldo will beat his man nine times out of ten. Good organisation, though, now has a huge effect on interna-tional football. Scotland know all about that, because we have had our problems against smaller nations. You only have to look back to the 0-0 draw with Estonia. Against Brazil, it is up to us to be the awkward underdogs.

In years gone by, our fans prided themselves on getting tickets for the big game. Despite the small allocation they always seemed to pack out Wembley. I don't believe that can happen at a World Cup that is so tightly regulated and there really will be just a few thousand at this match. We will still know they are

there. How can you fail to notice people who are prepared to wear something as beavy as a kilt, even when it is as warm as this? Scotland will try to play good football, but the second round by whatever means necessary. I have heard it is taken for granted that every opening match will be a bore. So long as the result is a good one for us, I will not mind at all if we live up to those expectations.



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Garcia-Aranda will set the standard

over. The managers and players are going to be under huge pressure and so are the 34 referees, in the sense that they are getting only one game in the first round of matches. In that 90 minutes they have to perform well enough to be selected for the second phase. If they get it wrong, if they underperform on either big

decisions or overall performance. that will be the end of their tourna-Referees do

not have the flexibility to operate in any way other than the black-andwhite directives that they have been given. If a mits an offence that is worth a red card, it is a case of "them or me". Spectators, view-

ers, players and managers will need to understand that the referees are fighting for their own World Cup places. They also want to progress to the later stages, so they will have to do their jobs absolutely correctly. i do not envy José Manuel

Garcia-Aranda, the Spanish referee, who takes charge of the opening game today between Brazil and Scotland. He is like a lamb to the slaughter. The first game is always the one that sets the standard for discipline. Every national side, every manager, will be watching. England have a great advantage in not playing until Monday, as they will then have a better idea of how the referees are operating.

We saw that in Euro 96. I refereed the match between Germany and the Czech Republic on the first day and had ten yellow cards. I was working under a directive to go out and set the standard and I played it according to the rules. Ironically, although I was slaughtered in

t last, the waiting is only that he does not overre-over. The manag- Uefa (European football's act. If he sorts out the bad governing body) thought that I had not been strict

> One of my worries is that which is going to make things even more unpredictable. I think it would have been better to use the experienced referees from leading

footballing countries such as

Brazil, Argentina, Italy.

Spain, England and Ger-

many, who are used to

taking control of big games.

Perhaps those countries should be providing two referees. It would give you the best of the best and

referees from the smaller

countries a chance to im-

The politics of the match

appointments are interest-

ing. You are OK if have two

European countries playing

each other or if you have two

Latin American countries,

but, if you get a game like Scotland v Brazil, a tough

north European side against a Latin one, what referee do

n this case. I think the

organisers have been

quite subtle. They have

appointed a European

referee, but he is Spanish.

Spanish football is not dis-

similar to the Brazilian

game, so he is probably a

For Garcia-Aranda, I hope

good compromise.

you go for?

prove and develop.

tackling and deals with the significant technical offences, then that is what Fifa will expect. He will not be one of the first four matches judged simply on the has a referee from Thailand, number of cards he shows but on whether they are appropriate.
There has been so much

talk about Fifa's views on tackling that a lot of the

players will be careful. I have refereed Denmark. Cameroon and Brazil in the nast week and they have been very careful with their tackling. in Brazil's game against Athletic Bilbao, I gave yellow card for a tackle by Cafu, of Brazil. In the World Cup, it probably would have

card, but it was what we

referees call an "orange" offence and. generally, when you get an orange situation you give it a yellow. You may find in the opening games that referees will err on the side of red. Fifa's guidance on tackling

states: "A player tackling violently shall be sanctioned with a red card." That is not just a tackle from behind. It goes on: "A violent tackle implies a player who lunges at another player with the ball, from the front or from the side, using one or both legs without touching the ball itself."

The problem will be the interpretation of what is violent and what is not. If there is any doubt early on, I think it will be a red card. Perhaps there will be a lot in the early matches and everyone will protest. They will then realise that it's not going to change and will adjust. I hope so.

□ David Elleray is England's senior referee and will be writing regularly during France 98.



Zidane, recovered from an ankle injury, trains with the France squad at Clairefontaine, near Paris, yesterday. Photograph: Gabriel Bouys

Del Piero likely to miss opener

BY NICK SZCŻEPANIK

also miss the Chile match. Torricelli, who has been linked with three FA Carling Premiership clubs — Arsenal. Everton and Middlesbrough - has a foot injury. Fabrizio Ravanelli, who has been suffering from a cough and slight temperature, is likely to be available.

"I'm happy to be here, recovered, after fearing I The good news for Del Piero and Torricelli, that their injumight miss the whole World ries are not too serious, was Cup," he said. "I am optimistic bad news for Enrico Chiesa, of Parma, the 23rd man in the now and I hope to be ready for Italy squad. He will not now the match with Cameroon. Moreno Torricelli, the Italy be required.

as Helmer are both struggling

Christian Ziege and Thom-

to be fit for Germany's opening match against the United States at the Parc des Princes. Ziege has a fever, while Helmer is under treatment for a thigh strain. Neither has been able to resume training. but, with Germany not playing until Monday, both have a chance. Ziege was optimistic of returning to light training today, but Heimer remains in

the hands of the team doctor. Jürgen Klinsmann is a likely starter, although, in contrast to his situation with Tottenham Hotspur last season, he is not guaranteed a place in the face of competition from the squad's three other strikers. Oliver Bierhoff, who was the leading scorer in Serie A last season, Ulf Kirsten, the Bundesliga's top marksman. and Olaf Marschall, who was one behind Kirsten. "It's a healthy competition and we take it very seriously." Klinsmann said. "We respect each other a lot, but all of us

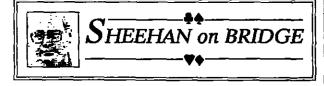
want to show that we belong." Other injury news yesterday concerned Frank de Boer, who has twisted his left ankle and is doubtful for Holland's opening game with Belgium on Saturday, and Zinedine Zidane, the France captain,

who sustained a similar injury in the final minute of the warm-up match against Finland last Friday, but de-

clared himself fit yesterday to face South Africa on Friday.

"Today I was able to train properly for the first time and it didn't hurt at all," Zidane said. Remembering his experience at Fire 96 when haven ences at Euro 90, when he was not at peak fitness, he added: "If I was not completely fit, I would not play. but luckily enough, I am. "The ankle may be OK but can Zidane himself bear the weight of French expectation? "I don't feel any pressure," he said. "One single player can't win a match. It's together that we have to win."

Slaven Bilic, the Everton central defender, is responding well to treatment and should be fit for Croatia's first game, against Jamaica on Sunday. Daniel Amokachi. the former Everton forward, is also expected to be fit for Nigeria's first match, against Spain on Saturday, despite a knee injury.



BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Yesterday I discussed the declarer's problems on this deal, from The Times Midland Private Banking National Bridge Challenge. Tony Priday correctly played on clubs after a diamond lead to the king and a diamond return. But do you see how the contract could be defeated?

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If West leads the jack of diamonds (obviously not the correct card from his actual holding), East plays low. Then after declarer has taken the queen, East can unblock the king on the second round of the suit, and still have a small one to give West the lead on the third round of the suit. Declarer cannot afford to play the ace from dummy at trick one after all, the lead may be

For East to duck the jack of diamonds would not be a far-fetched play. East can see that with his two aces, play ing the king of diamonds the run of the suit. A pity West was not dealt J109xx of diamonds - then East would have been put to the test.

Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend

England was the clear winner of this year's Lady Milne Trophy. the home international series for women, which was held in Newport at the weekend. The team was Michele Handley. Nevena Senior, Heather Dhondy, Sally Anoyrkatis, Anne Rosen and Gillian Salt. npc John Williams.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

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TIBBIN a. Evening drinks c. A wasicpaper-basket

VERKRAMP a. A climbing spike b. Narrow-minded

c. A confidence trick ZUG a. A midge

b. Waterproof leather c. A rubber washer Answers on page 50



By Raymond Keene CHESS CORRESPONDENT

National League Today I give two further

games from the Four Nations Chess League, won by the Midland Monarchs team. The first game demonstrates Jon Speelman outplaying Luke McShane, while the second game shows that former Soviet grandmasters, here Mikhail Gurevich, are now finding British team competitions fruitful. White: Luke McShane

Black: Jonathan Speelman Four Nations League, 1998

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Diagram of final position

ALESSANDRO del Piero, ar-

guably the most exciting for-ward player in any of the European teams in the World Cup finals, is expected to miss Italy's first match against Chile in Bordeaux tomorrow.

Roberto Baggio will probably

start in his place, although Del

Piero hopes to be in contention

for a place in the next game,

The thigh strain that he

suffered when playing for Juventus in the European Cup final against Real Madrid on

May 20 has restricted Del

Piero to light training, al-

though his omission from his

country's opening match by Cesare Maldini, the coach,

was by no means the worst

defender and Del Piero's

team-mate at Juventus, will

that Del Piero had feared.

against Cameroon.

White: Mikhail Gurevich Black: Charles Kennaugh Four Nations League, 1998

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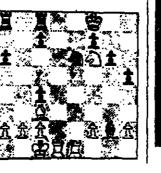
Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

winning move

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Luther - Maiwald, Gelsenkirchen.

How did White exploit the superior activity of his forces in this endgame?



No hiding place when TV teams are let loose The Beeb gets first run today, with Brazil against

surfing the Net or glancing through teletext. Wherever you are, whatever you are doing, it will prove almost impossible to escape the clutches of the World Cup over the next month. Give up now, lie back and think of England - or

Scotland. All 64 matches will be shown on terrestrial television in some shape or form and there is similar saturation coverage on Eurosport. Sky. for once, is out of the picture. Whether it is Brazil or Italy, the global giants, or Iran or Saudi Arabia, the boys from the backwaters, cameras will be thrust in players' faces to

record every grimace.

Every insignificant detail will become significant. "So, how was your breakfast. Carlos? What did you have, talk us through it." Every fact and figure will be regurgitated ad nauseum, incessant slo-mo replays will highlight the latest Paraguayan indiscretion and breathless reporters will re-port from training camps that Mustapha D'rink, the Tunisia striker, was spotted having half a lager and smoking a Camel the night before.

At least sanity, at last, has broken out between BBC and ITV, the main protagonists in the ratings war. The matches Russell Kempson

says the ratings battle is likely to be settled by studio

presentation skills have been shared out this time, presumably after a brief and amicable chat over tea and biscuits, and there will be no simultaneous showings un-

til the final, unless England or Scotland reach the semi-finals.
A choice still exists for some. though, with Eurosport offer-ing 388 hours of action and 33 of the 64 games live. Whether Guy Mowbray, the channel's fledgeling No I commentator. is able to offer the same informed overview as Messrs Motson, Moore of Davies is another matter. This is light years removed from his early for BBC Radio York.

TELEVISION

TODAY'S COVERAGE: 88C1: 3.30pm: Opening carembry; Bitail v Scottord (livel) 11,10pm; Morocco v Norway (highlights) 17V: 3.80pm; Bitacil v Scotland (livel STV orby) 7.30pm; Morocco v Norway (livel) 10,40pm; Faritasy World Cup Eurosport: 3.40pm; Opening caremony, Brazil v Scotland (file) 7.50pm; Morocco v Norway (livel) 10pm; Brazil v Scotland (repeat).

Scotland this afternoon, but ITV hits back with Morocco against Norway this evening. Its alternative view of the tournament - Skinner and Baddiel's Fantasy World Cup - also kicks in to assault our

late-night senses. This programme is ideally timed for the beer-and-curry brigade, after 10pm and once every two days, and should provide thought-provoking comment and critical analysis on what has gone before and what lies ahead . . . or not. Get Your Wits Out For The Lads could be an alternative title for this vaguely amusing, often excruciating, show.

s always, though, it is the balance and strength of the studio teams that will make or break the rival presentations, that will persuade the viewer to keep viewing at half-time, or long after the final whistle has blown, rather than seek alternative entertainment.

Already, the BBC is ahead. Lynam v Wilson, in the presenting stakes, is no contest. It is among the guest panellists. in the trenches, that the battle will be won or lost. Hansen v Gullit, Ginola v Venison. Lawrenson v Barnes . . . let the pundlitry begin.

The anchormen: Lynam, left, is the BBC trump card. Wilson his ITV counterpart

Nigeria set to play on through the grief

THE sudden death of General Sani Abacha, the Nigerian military ruler, has been keenly felt in the Nigeria squad. not least because of calls for the squad to withdraw. "Some have suggested we should pull out, but I can't see the point of that." Daniel Amokachi, the former Everton striker, said. "Abacha himself would want us to do

At least the spotlight, not to mention the pressure, may now be off Bora Milutinovic. the coach, after three successive defeats in warm-up matches in which 12 goals were conceded.

Carlos Alberto Parreira, the Saudi Arabia coach, is set to field the team that drew 0-0 with England at Wembley in the game against Denmark on Friday. "Drawing with England was a big achievement and it is probable I will select that side," he said. José Luis Chilavert, the eccentric Paraguay goalkeep-

er. upset Argentina when "secret" advice about them he had given to the Japan team, who play Argentina on Sunday, on a Japanese TV station was picked up and broadcast by an Argentinian station.

Attempts to discredit Chilavert began immediately. with commentators in Buenos Aires claiming that the goalkeeper was only trying to impress the Japanese because he fancied a lucrative post-World Cup transfer to a J-League club.

Unlike one or two England players one could name, Alexi Lalas of the United States is a month into a self-imposed World Cup alcohol ban. "I did it the last time round and it worked," he said. Rund Gullit, the former

manager of Chelsea, is backing Holland, his countrymen, and Brazil to reach the World Cup final. But for this to happen, one of them would have to finish runners-up in their group: otherwise they would meet in the semi-finals.

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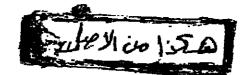
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World Cup 🗿

Ferdinand set to fulfil great expectations

could have been a hollow soundbite rather than a stir-ring call to battle, but, in Michael Owen and Rio Ferdinand, the England coach can offer up the living embodiment of his words.

England knows already about Owen and, soon, so will the world. The Liverpool striker is ready to crash on to Planet Football like a comet. In the meantime, Ferdinand, a year older at 19, is likely to pick up a few splinters on the substitutes' bench, yet he, too, has the youthful

seize the day without hesitation or trepida-

founded most

ready by being in France at all. While most observers were convinced that he would be walking out of Hoddle's hotel room in Spain last week and not stopping until he arrived home in East London, the West Ham United defender was as confident and composed as ever.

"l always thought l had a chance," he said. "I thought I was about 50-50. I always believed I might be in the squad from when I made my debut against Cameroon last year. I set my sights on it then. You have to be ambitious."

It was an international debut delayed by a conviction for drink-driving, but it would be harsh to brand Ferdinand with the likes of Gascoigne and Sheringham as yet another of English football's miscreants. Cocksure and a little flash, perhaps, and more likely to be seen in Armani than Umbro on his days off, Ferdinand insisted that his fall from grace was an error of judgment rather than an indication of a deep

when I didn't think, not a habit or anything like that," he said. "Glenn reassured me

Matt Dickinson talks to a young

England defender

with the talent to

sweep all before him

then that it would not affect me in the long-term if I came back a better and stronger person and I think I have. It was a big embarrassment for myself my friends and my family, but I have learnt.

"It was a hard way to learn but sometimes things happen for a reason. It made me

'I always believed I might

be in the squad ... you

have to be ambitious'

realise that you have to be

careful when you are an England footballer and think

about how you behave. You

are not a normal person any

more. A lot of people said it

was good that it happened so

Stung by the short sharp

shock that Hoddle adminis-

tered when he withdrew Ferdi-

nand from possible selection

as a punishment for his con-

early in my career."

viction, the young defender is more aware now of his respon-sibilities, realising that the nonsensically premature comparisons that he suffers with the late, great Bobby Moore cannot be answered only by strutting regally around a football pitch. "Everyone at West Ham talks about what a gentleman

he was just as much as what a great player," Ferdinand said, and I know that is important People say there are similarities, but he is a legend, a oneoff. He was one of the greats and I am just beginning."
Time is on Ferdinand's side.

but whether he can add to the three caps already to his name this summer is debatable. When Brazil arrived in the United States for the World Cup finals four years ago, they brought with them a buck-

was in the squad, but there merely to soak up the experience and it may be that Ferdinand does the same in France. That Hoddle believes he can be a mainstay of the national

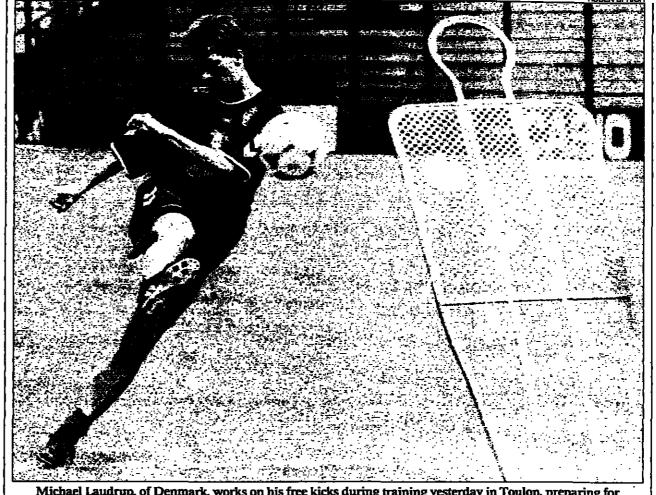
toothed kid in braces. Ronaldo

side for World Cups to come is indisputable and, while the England coach abandoned plans to establish Ferdinand as a sweeper behind a back four in time for this tournament, it is a strategy likely to be resumed after the summer. With his long legs, graceful

swagger and love, so rare among English defenders, of toying with the ball, it may not be too long before Ferdinand is eclipsing Sol Campbell as the country's most assured young defender, assuming that he eradicates the moments of self-indulgence that sometimes spoil otherwise impeccable displays at the heart of the West Ham defence.

He surely will. "A mate

pointed out the other day that I could play in four World Cup finals," Ferdinand said, "but to do that, I know I have to take care of myself and look after my body." Perhaps the penny is dropping at last.



Michael Laudrup, of Denmark, works on his free kicks during training yesterday in Toulon, preparing for the Danes' opening match of the World Cup against Saudi Arabia, which takes place in Lens on Friday

Colombia struggle to find form

By Russell Kempson

WHEN the draw for the World Cup finals was made in December and England were grouped with Romania, Colombia and Tunisia, Glenn Hoddle could barely conceal his satisfaction. "It could have been a lot harder," he said. For a man who rarely reveals his true feelings, it was tanta-mount to punching the air. rubbing his hands with glee and telling anyone who cared to listen that England should

cruise into the second round. Six months on, little has happened that is likely to have changed Hoddle's mind. In the intervening period, England's three opponents, though liberally sprinkled with talented individuals, have played 27 matches between them and won only

The victories include such victims as Guinea, Moldova, the Democratic Republic of Congo, a French Regional Select XI, a Wales side short on power and motivation and La-Tour-du-Pin, a French regional second division club. Colombia, Romania and Tunisia have not exactly enjoyed the rudest of health during

their warm-up programmes for the greatest show on earth.
"It could have been easier, but I feel we are in the middle ground," Hoddle, the England coach, said last year. "We can go into the finals in a positive mood. We are well

MOTTOGETON England have to wait until Monday to start, when they play Tunisia in their opening group G match in Marseilles. Though Tunisia have won five of their 12 fixtures and reached the quarter-finals of the African Nations' Cup before losing on penalties to

canable of qualifying, but we

need to do our homework. I

feel like I want to start

have not been overly exciting. Romania have three victories in six outings, including a recent unbeaten four-match sequence, but have been hamrecent training trip to Switzer- schedules on the road to

Burkina Faso, the hosts, they

the football authorities could

not afford the flight. There have been no such problems for Colombia, but they have one of the worst

recent records of the 32 finalists — one success in nine attempts. Until they defeated mighty La-Tour-du-Pin I-0 on Sunday, with a goal from Faustino Asprilla, they had not won a game since the World Cup draw was made. Many factors dictate the

pattern of the competing nations' preparations for France - availability of players, financial guarantees, populari-ty and the strength of the governing football association. Mexico lead the way in games played, 20, though many of them have been against opponents of dubious quality. Their 5-1 defeat against Universidad Catolica. of Chile, in April was not warmly received at home.

Many other countries have land was cancelled because France, but they are usually

tions who are more easily able to gain the release of their players. Brazil are the exception, having played 15 games around the world, but they are sponsored by Nike, the company with clout. Although everybody would like a piece of Brazil, it comes only to those who pay for it. Of more than 300 games

played since December, Paraguay have earnt the title of worst qualifier. They started promisingly, beating Poland 40 in Asuncion in February. but have failed to win in ten attempts since. Argentina, Norway and Hoiland have had the most impressive of passages. Argentina have won eight of nine matches, Norway are undefeated in five - part of a 14-match unbeaten sequence - and Holland have not lost in six.

However, while pre-tournament results can lift or break morale in equal measure. when the World Cup kicks off placed in their true perspective. They count for nothing.

Hoddle's view is crystal clear

By Russell Kempson

GLENN HODDLE, the England coach, will have planned everything to the most minute detail. He will have gazed into the crystal ball of Eileen Drewery, his spiritual adviser, confidante and healer of all ills, and plotted already England's path to the World Cup final. Team Hoddle leaves nothing to chance.

He needs no telling, therefore, that it is of paramount importance that England win group G. Should they finish runners-up, their passage to the final in Saint-Denis on June 12 could become infinitely harder. Finishing above Romania

Colombia and Tunisia, and assuming the other groups go according to form, would probably give England a second-round tie against Croatia in Bordeaux. Tricky but surmountable. They would then meet Germany in the quarter-finals, and although recent history does not offer much hope, the German squad is one of the oldest in the tournament. England's young, spritely legs would surely prove too strong.

Italy might await in the semi-finals, but with the memories of England's gallant 0-0 qualifying draw in October still fresh in the mind, the Italians could find themselves unable to unload the psychological baggage from Rome. Thus, England would go on to play Brazil in the final.

However, taking second place in group G could cause untold misery. Argentina would be the probable secondround opponents and, even if they were despatched with ease. Holland might be next up. Brazil would be lurking around the next corner. It is much the same else-

where. If Brazil win group A. they are likely to encounter Cameroon or Chile, Spain and Holland en route to Saint-Denis. If they finish second. Italy. France and England could stand in their way. If Germany win group F, Belgium, England and Italy might block their path; if they finish second, it will be Holland, Argentina and Brazil.

For England, it is clear. Win pered by a lack of funds. A endured similarly exhaustive in Paris today, they will be the group, reach the final, beat Brazil. Simple: as Hoddle | aiready knew. anyway.

THE PERFORMANCES OF ALL 32 FINALISTS SINCE QUALIFICATION FOR FRANCE 98

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TIMES WORLD CUP WEB SITE

The Times today launches the biggest and best World Cup web site. Visitors will be able to take advantage of a comprehensive guide to the tournament and links to every World Cup story carried by the newspaper since January I. Throughout the tournament a live "ticker" will provide news and score updates. The address is: http://www.the-times.co.uk/worldcup

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CRICKET: MADDY ENHANCES SPLENDID RECORD IN BENSON AND HEDGES CUP

Lewis deals Surrey cruel blows

By SIMON WILDE

LEICESTER (Surrey won beat toss): Leicestershire Surrey by 30 runs

IN SPORT as in war, one of the greatest gifts is to keep popping up on winning sides. It is a talent possessed by Chris Lewis, formerly of Surrey, last year's Benson and Hedges Cup winners, now of Leicestershire, who yesterday dispatched the holders to reach next month's final.

Lewis left Surrey eight months ago amid what appeared fanciful claims of wanting to further his captain cy ambitions. Within days of the season starting, a knee injury to James Whitaker delivered him the captaincy and yesterday he played a large part in keeping alive a dream of lifting a trophy at Lord's. He twice stifled Surrey's

improbable pursuit of 312 to win, taking the key wickets of Stewart, Thorpe and Butcher inside his first four overs and returning at the death to remove Adam Hollioake. whose imperiously struck 85 off 97 balls had breathed life into a flagging cause.

For all Lewis's failings of character - he celebrated in typically overstated style, sinking to one knee after bowling the final ball - he remains a key player in county games. Surrey badly missed bowling of his pace as Leicestershire ran up a formidable 311 for

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BOWLING: Benjamin 10-2-33-0; Bicknell 10-0-55-1; Saqlain Mushtaq 10-0-46-1, A J Holitoaka B-0-76-0; Salisbury 0 1-0-3-0; Butcher 1.5-0-22-0; B C Holitoaka 10-1-Brown run out Stewart c Simmons b Lewis Hottoake c Lewis b Ormond . M P Bicknell not out Saclem Mushtaq run out J E Bengamen not out Extras (b 5, lb 8, w 7, nb 6)

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Gold Award: D.L. Maddy Umpires D.J. Constant and J.H. Hampshire,

campaign, the groundwork was done by others. Darren Maddy, in personality as quiet as Lewis is loud, was again the anchor, batting throughout the innings for a meticulously paced 120 off 138 balls, which will cause renewed debate about England's decision to overlook him for the first Test match.

stead at Edgbaston, faced only three balls here before carelessly stepping on his leg stump pushing off for a run. Lewis's other wickets were more deserved, though Thorpe will not be proud of carving at his twelfth ball.

Maddy's fifth gold award in seven matches this season, in which he has scored 624 runs for four times out, was fully justified, though he was caught and bowled off no-balls and challenged by Ben Smith, who contributed an invaluable 89 off 106 balls.

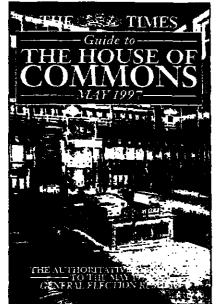
This pair, who put on 206 against Lancashire in a group game, shared a second-wicket stand of 172 marked by lively running and impish strokeplay. Maddy's sharp work at point also delivered the scalp of Brown, run out in the second over of Surrey's

It was a cruel day for Surrey, apart from Lewis's triumphalist presence and Butcher's poor footwork, the strongest winds of an always blustery day hampering their efforts in the field. But Leicestershire ran them ragged and the Hollioake brothers suffered most, delivering 18 overs that cost 136 runs, taking the brunt of the punishment during the last ten overs that yielded 100 runs, Simmons chipping in with 40 off 35

The unkindest blow. though, was Salisbury sturnbling as he sent down his first and only delivery. The leg spinner had felt a twinge in his groin before the game and considered withdrawing; now, he tore a muscle so badly that he may be out for four weeks, which would rule him out of the second Test, for which he was in serious consideration. For someone who has been

ately bad luck. At 72 for four, Surrey looked beaten but first Ben Hollioake, with a breezy 63 off 74 balls. and then his elder brother raised the possibility of an implausible escape. The older Hollioake was well supported by Bicknell in a seventhwicket stand of 81 in nine overs before Lewis returned to adminster the final blow.

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Maddy pulls to the boundary during his innings of 120 at Grace Road yesterday

Yorkshire lose bearings after dazzling start

HEADINGLEY (Yorkshire won toss): Essex beat Yorkshire by 95 runs

YORKSHIRE still can not find their way to Lord's. This was their fourth semi-final defeat in as many seasons and it is II years since they reached a final, when they beat Northamptonshire in the Benson and Hedges Cup. testerday, in the same comp tition, they proved no match for Essex, who lost the toss, and a wicket to the first ball, and still won at their leisure.

Once again Yorkshire let themselves down badly on a stage that demanded a big show. It is beginning to look as if they just can't hack it. That said, nobody should deprive Essex of praise. They have reached Lord's at the first attempt, after winning the NatWest trophy last September, and they did it the hard way because they also beat Middlesex at Lord's in the quarter-final.

This was supposed to be the year that Yorkshire's team of talented underachievers turned the corner, and everything until yesterday had conspired in their favour. They were not greatly taxed in winning a weak qualifying group, and they couldn't have asked for more than home draws thereafter. Not for the first time they lacked nerve. unlike Essex, whose cup form runs counter to their struggle in the championship.

Grayson, the Yorkshireman who left his native county three years ago, took three wickets with his unremarkable left arm. But it was Such, the canny offspinner, who captured the wicket his teammates wanted when Lehmann, trying to paddle the

SCOREBOARD

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ball behind square, offered Rollins a simple catch.

By bowling his 10 overs through at a cost of only 34 runs, and striking out York-shire's brightest light, Such had done his bit. Any team would settle for Lehmann making only 40 in this sort of game. Vaughan, the Yorkshire MIJOS cludes a spot of finger spin, had gone on earlier at the same end, and performed

Northamptonshire qualified to meet Scotland in the Costcutter Cup final in a bowi-out vesterday.

creditably. Such. though, is more than a creditable bowler and proved his immense value

Essex were obliged to dig themselves out of a ditch after Byas put them in. Robinson went leg before first ball, Stuart Law clipped a catch to square leg to give Silverwood a second wicket and when Rollins pulled Hutchison to long leg Essex were three

Irani settled at once, and that was important. Although he made only 39, which is no great score, he helped Hussain to put on 83 and showed the rest of the side that batting positively was a feasible proposition. After he was undone by a ball from more than he had accounted for Hussain carried on until he became the seventh, and last wicket to fall.

He stood firm for 44 overs. binding the innings together with 72 valuable runs. There was still some work to do at 202 for seven, if Essex wanted to push beyond 250, and Danny Law, who made 36 from 33 balls, did most of it. Essex took the field with a spring in their step. Cowan had Vaughan leg before with his second ball and pretty soon Lehmann was alone on the bridge. The middle order submitted miserably and a disappointing crowd soon surrendered to the prospect of

another numbing defeat.



Cowan celebrates after trapping Vaughan leg-before

WORLD WATCHING

Answers from page 48

(c) Originally, a Chinese bronze produced during the era (1426-35) of Emperor Hsüan of the Ming Dynasty, Later, a golden-yellow Japanese bronze vessei made after the Chinese fashion. The bronze

TIBBIN (b) Hay or chopped straw. The Arabic tibn. Arthur Conau Doyle. Green Flag. 1900: "Each camel provided with its own little heap of tibbin laid in the centre of the tablecloth." VERKRAMP

(b) Afrikaans. Narrow or reactionary in political, religious or social matters. The Afrikaans word means "marrow cramped". "With a so-called outward-looking policy, the Government is beginning to see things in better light. It has straken itself of some of the old dic-hard Calvinistic verkramptes and is able to look at the world a little verlig."

ZUG (b) The name (formerly proprietary) for a variety of waterproofed leather used especially for the uppers of climbing boots. "I would have soft almost glove-like, rug or beaver leather for the uppers."

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The years worth missing

The Thorn Birds - The Missing Years Channel 5, 8,00pm

The original mini-series, from Collech McCullough's tale of an Aussie priest who breaks his vow of celibacy, became a cause celèbre on British television. It was screened by the BBC against what many saw as the far more worthy Jewel in the Crown on ITV. There is unlikely to be a similar outery this time, partly because ITV has an uncompelling football match between Morocco and Norway. The "missing years" relate to a chunk of the novel left out of the original adaptation. Our priest, now an archbishop, is in wartime Italy, leaving the mother of his child struggling to maintain the family ranch. Richard Chamberlain returns as the cleric, with Amanda Donohoe now playing the woman he abandoned for God. A curiously tenid drama concludes tomorrow. curiously tepid drama concludes tomorrow.

The Italian Kitchen Channel 4, 8.30pm

Ruth Rogers and Rose Gray of the River Café, in London, continue their gimmick-free course in Italian cookery with a programme on fish. The dishes are more complicated than the pasta items they demonstrated last week, and searing fish on a hot grill is a manoeuvre which could daunt the beginner fearful of setting the kitchen on fire. But the pesults look irresistibly annetising, whether it is beginner fearful of setting the kitchen on fire but the results look irresistibly appetising, whether it is chargrilled monkfish and scallop on a rosemary "skewer", roasted red mullet with capers, olives and tomatoes or grilled squid with red chilli and rocket. There are location reports from an Italian port with a famous fish auction and from the home of sea salt, which proves to be much nearer to home: Maldon in Essex. The salt is required for the final dish a north Atlantic turbot haked whole. final dish, a north Atlantic turbot baked whole.

Ally McBeal annel 4, 10.00pm

Our young Boston lawyer encounters so many moral issues in the course of tonight's episode that a drama is in danger of turning into a debate. Most of the dilemmas stem from sexual behaviour, and what is and is not acceptable, leaving Calista Flockhart's single and unattached Ally in the role of an agony aunt dispensing advice to others. Except, that is, when she gets drawn into the sexual

The ups and downs of puberty charted in The Human Body (BBC1, 10.20pm)

chess game herself, as when she gets used by her boss as bait to land a client. Although the show's comedy (and despite the soul-haring, it is a comedy) ostensibly stems from Ally's apparent inability to handle her personal life as well as her professional one, this can be misleading. When it comes to the point, she shows excellent judgment. She may pine for a lasting relationship but, as we see, she can still say no to the wrong man.

The Human Body BBC1, 10.20pm

A rollercoaster ride may be a corny metaphor for puberty but it helps Professor Robert Winston to make his point that the early teenage years are exciting, dangerous and full of surprises. Indeed, having watched the professor on the switchback looking frightened out of his life, some may feel that the transition from boy to man, and girl to worman is painless by comparison. As usual in this woman, is painless by comparison. As usual in this series the subject is treated partly as a biology lesson and partly as a human story with each strand reinforcing the other. The science behind such changes as the growth of body hair, the deepening of the voice and the development towards sexual maturity is presented in lucid and unembarrassed detail, while the experience of puberty is relayed by a British girl filmed over 18 months from the age of 12 and by a group of teenage boys in California.

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RADIO CHOICE

World Cup Radios 1, 5 Live and Talk Radio, various times

I cannot promise no further mentions of this event but I can promise severe rationing, for I realise that those who wish to know will find out without my help and those who do not wish to know would rather draw a veil over the whole thing. But today the contest opens, so the radio networks are of course overdosing, with Radio! having taken the absurd decision to spend our money on moving a substantial part of its operation to France, which is ironic given the quality of French popular music Simon Mayo (9am) introduces his show from a pavement cafe in St Denis. There is some actual football, too: Scotland play Brazil this afternoon (\$ Live and Talk, 4.30pm) and tonight Morocco play Norway (5 Live, 8pm).

RADIO 1

8.30am Kevin Greening and Zoë Ball 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley 2.00pm Mark Raddstile. Live from St Denis, France. See Choice 4.00 Dave Pearce. Includes 5.45 Newsbeat 6.30 The Evening Session 8.30 Movie Update 8.40 John Peel 10.30 Jayne Middlerniss 1.00am Cive Warren 4.00 Chris Moyles

RADIO 2

6.00am Alex Lester 7.30 Sareh Kennedy 9.30 Ken Bruce 12.00 Debbie Thrower 2.00pm Ed Stewert 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Nick Barractough 6.00 Mile Hardings.00 The Andy Peebles Sout Show 10.00 Johnnie Welker 10.30 Richard Allinson 12.05am Steve Madden 3.00 Jeff Owen

RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00am The Breakfast Programme 9.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 The Midday News 1.00pm Ruscoe's World Cup Special Sybil Ruscoe reports from Glasgow 3.30 World Cup '98. John Inverdate presents live coverage of the opening ceremony and the first match of the tournament: Brazil v Scotland. See Choice 6.30 Nicky Campbell's World Cup Phone-In 7.30 News Extra 7.95 World Cup '98: Morocco v Norway: From the Stade del la Mosson in Montpellier. See Choice 10.00 Late Night Live 1.00em Up All Night 5.00 Morning Reports

VIRGIN RADIO

7.00am Chris Evans 10.00 Russ Wilfams 1.00pm Nick Abbot 4.00 Paul Coyte 7.30 Ray Cokes 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am Ceimin Jones 5.00 Jeremy Clark

TALK RADIO

6.00am Kirsty Young with Jeremy Nicholas 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Keity 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.30 World Cup: Brazil v Scotland See Choice 7.00 Danny Baker and Danny Kelly 9.00 James Whale 1.00cm Ian Collins

6.00am On Air, with Petroc Trelawny Includes Ravel (Gaspard de la Nuil); Kodaly (Hunganan Rondo); Mendelssohn (Elijah, excerpts) 9.00 Masterworks, with Peter Hobday, Includes Ravel (Alborada del Gracioso); Onslow (String Quintet in E. Op 39); Schubert (Gute Necht, D911); Ravel (Pavane pour une Infante Défunte), Handel (Recorder Sonata in D minor); Mozari (Symphony

No 33 in B Balt 10.30 Artist of the Week: Pierre Boulez 11.00 Sound Stories: Great Singers. Peggy Reynolds profiles Errico Caruso, the most lamous singer of his day

his day

12.00 Composer of the Week: Charles Ives

1.00pm The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert: From the

New World (Inventing America). The second of
eight daily rectals of American music from St
George's, Brandon Hill, Brastol. Vanburgh Quariet.
Bartok (String Quariet No 3). Dvoták (String
Quartet in F. Op 96. American)

2.00 The BBC Orchestras (Inventing America). BBC
Phitramone under Yan Pascal Torteler, with
Olivier Charler, violin, Joaquin Achucamo, piano

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Performance on 3

Radio 3, 7.30pm Anyone fearing that football songs could be infectious will find this the perfect antidote, a concert sub-titled Side by Side By... Cole Porter to follow last week's, which featured the music of Leonard Bernstein. Kim Criswell and Rebecca Caine are the singers once again with Simon Caine are the singers once again with Simon Green and Frank Hernandez supplying the male vocals. One of the strengths of the show, recorded last month at the Palace Theatre in London, is that as information a fire rainer friendle in country such as a pitband of a kind familiar from the heyday of musical theatre has been assembled under conductor John McGlinn. Porter's music, here from musicals ranging from Kiss Me Kate to Anything Goes, is given a fresh feel via eight new Russell Warner orchestrations. Peter Barnard

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CLASSIC FM

6.00am Breakfast with Bailey. Nick Bailey introduces music to ease listeners into the morning 8.00 Henry Kelly, Michael Barry prepares sesame chicken salad. Plus, the Hall of Fame Hour 12.00 Lunchtime Requests, Jane Jones with listeners' lavourse 12.00 Lunchtime Requests, Jane Jones with listeners' tavourise praces 2.00pm Concerto. Brahms (Double Concerto in A manor) 3.00 Jamie Crick including Alternoon Romance and Continuous Classics 6.30 Newsmight. Headlines, arts news and guests, presented by John Brunning 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven. John Brunning introduces easy-listening sounds 9.00 Evening Concert. Bizet (Jeux d'Entants). Debussy (La Boite a Jouquus): Fauxé (Prelude, Penetope): Sant-Saéris (Symphony No 3 in C minor) 11.00 Mann at Night 2.00èm Concerto (7) 3.00 Mark Griffiths

4.00 Choral Eversong, Live from Christ Church
Cathedral, Oxford, Director of music Stephen
Darlington, Sub-organist David Goode, Organ
scholar Cive Driskill-Smith
5.00 In Turne, with Humphrey Carpenter
7.30 Performance on Three (Inventing America):
Side By Side By — Cole Porter, presented by
Nickolas Grace, With Rebecca Caine, Kim
Criswell, Frank Hemandez, George Dvorsky, BBC
Singers, BBC Concert Orchestra under John
McGinen Music includes, Let's Do II, Night and
Day and Miss Otis Regrets. See Choice
9.35 Postscript (Inventing America): Brooklyn
Bridges, Tim Marlow examines how different
communities have left their mark on the borough
(3/5)

COMPLIANCES HOME FOR HEAD AND ADDRESS OF PRINCIPLES OF FARMANY. Includes Schumann (Fartasy in C. Op 17) periormed by Boris Bergarosky. Introduced by Chris Wines 10.45 Night Waves. Laura Cumming explores the double life of William Beckford 11.30 Jazz Notes, with Digby Fairweather. Crissy Lea leads her all-girl Big Band through a studio set 12.00 Composer of the Weelc Pupcini (r) 1.00am Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

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2.00 News; The Archers (r)

2.15 Afternoon Play: Claderella D-Day. The final
instalment of Julia Stonetam's series about a
group of Lund Army gars during the Second World
War With Samantha Bond, Sam Collings, Louise Lombard and Adrian Lukis (r) Lompard and Adnan Lukis (f)

3.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time. John
Cushnie, Bob Flowerdew and Geoffrey Smith
answer questions posed by gardeners from the
Fermanagh Gardening Society, Enniskillen (f)

3.30 Transplantations. Andreas Demetriou talks about
how he has transplanted his Greek Cypriot roots
to South London (3/5)

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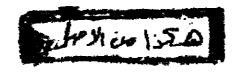
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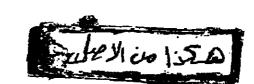
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Lawson investigates open-air theatre
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learn of regulars cross-examine witnesses about
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8.45 Maps of the Future. Speeches of inspiration and
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9.00 News; Costing the Earth. Guy Lintey Adams
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absorb nitrates and frees that can act as
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9.30 Midweek (f) 10.00 The World Tonight
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Bainbadgo's latest novel (3/10)
11.00 Late Night on 4: The Wayt its. Satire, sketches
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11.30 [LW] Today in Parliament
12.00 News 12.30am The Lafe Book: Psycho, William Hope reads the dark thriller by Robert Bloch (3/8)
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5.40 Inshore Forecast 5.45 Prayer for the Day
5.47 Farming Today, with Anna Hill

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A wrong-headed fight for the right to fight

atching women wearing next to nothing and slapping each other very sional woman boxer, and to the hard around a boxing ring ranks. in most people's estimation, as a rather sad, taboo pastime; and just like many other pastimes we have come to see as taboo — smoking, drinking whisky, making fun of Harriet Harman — it can be a lot of fun. Women boxers certainly think so, which raises the question of whether those of us who think that boxing is barbaric (post-Ali boxing, anyway) have any right to stop two adult women - both of whom are aware of the risk that repeated blows to the head can leave them gibbering like Paul Daniels - from punching each

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Annabelle Waller's film, Boxing Babes, part of BBC2's Home Ground documentary series, tried to convey a flavour of the boom in "boxercise" and amateur boxing without passing judgment

sional woman boxer, and to the boxing promoter Frank Warren, to slug out in separate interviews, with a doctor intervening occasionally to tell us what we already knew: that letting somebody thump your head won't bring it much benefit in the long run. When Couch tells us: "I'm the

last person who's gonna put myself at risk," she brings to mind Catch-22: if she's smart enough to know when boxing is dislocating her brain, then how come she was stupid enough to become a boxer in the first place? And if her brain has been turned into the texture of Maltesers by boxing, how will she be alert enough to realise when it's time she got out of the ring? Warren hates the whole idea of

women boxing, predicting that

"dirty old men are going to go along and watch these fights, watch these ladies. Once that

novelty value has ended, I don't think it will be that successful anyway." But Warren's fear is not so much aesthetic as commercial "If anything — God forbid — goes wrong, it will be something the sport will never recover from. It struggles to recover from men being badly hurt. A woman getting badly hurt would be a major disaster, for the woman and for

ike us. Warren probably suspects that in 50 years' time we will look back at boxing in the way we look back at bear-baiting. How ironic that women who are everywhere fighting to move the world forward should also be campaigning for an equal right to behave like cavemen. And if women are so keen to ape men's idiocies, they shouldn't be allowed to just pick and choose: they should also become adept, for example, at eating pizza 63 nights REVIEW-

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in a row without complaining or, for the most part, without even

Jane Couch thinks she is fighting for a just cause, like universal suffrage: "I'm gonna change hist-ory!" If Warren's fears of injury prove founded - why shouldn't they? - then Couch might well go down in history for changing the sport of boxing: not by giving our world lasting for months, or women equal rights in the ring but even for a year or more." Some-

by getting it banned once and for body predicted a world recession.

But since Couch already spends a chunk of her life feeling dazed and confused, she at least stands a better chance than most of us of not even noticing the chaos that will crupt the minute Big Ben chimes in the new century. The Millennium Time Bomb, a Disaster Special on BBC2, painted a chilling, all-too-believable pic-ture of the social, economic and political disruption that will be triggered when the millennium bug kicks in and cripples millions of computers around the world. According to Robin Guenier of Task Force 2000: The best that can happen." — very worrying, that "best" — "is that there will be

failures, and that that unpleasant

experience will last for several

months. The worst could be a total

breakdown of systems, a chaos in

Somebody else told us to expect several Bhopal or Chernobyl-type The only person with a smile

on his face will be Peter Mandelson. He can now enjoy the next 18 months, knowing for certain that on the night of December 31, 1999, there will be at least one disaster even bigger than the Millennium Dome. But the most baffling part of it is: how did we let ourselves entrust our lives to air-traffic control

systems, nuclear power plants, hospital intensive care units and banking networks, all of which are controlled by computer software that has been programmed by a breed of people who were too dim even to realise that using only two digits for the date on a computer chip instead of four (which is why computers will switch from Year 99 to Year 00, come the millennicatastrophe? Do you feel happy entrusting your life to an aeroplane whose computerised flight systems have been designed by these same people?

If, as the doomsayers warn, we haven't a minute to lose before the millennium arrives, I'm not sure how many of us were happy to have squandered 180 of those minutes watching In The Red (BBC2) these past three weeks. Often, this murder mystery-cumsatire on the BBC and politics tasted like a thinly spread sandwich. It might have been tastier to concentrate the humour into a smaller, more intensely flavoured canapé.

It had many enjoyable moments, and the acting was a joy. But in the end the satire was rarely savage enough to draw blood: more the sort of affectionate ribbing you give a colleague at his

BBC1 6.00am Business Breakfast (93565) 7.00 BBC Breekfast News (T) (63749) 9.00 A Date with Fate (1296774)

9.20 Kilroy (T) (1005590) 10.00 The General (24316) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (I) (75923) 11.00 News (T) and weather (2556519) 11.05 The Realty Useful Show Childrens

bikes (1197229) 12.00 News (T) and weather (6601823) 12.05pm Call My Bluff (r) (9035720) 12.35 Wipeout (5307039)

1.00 News (T) and weather (66836) 1.30 Regional News (T) (97550749) 1.40 The Weather Show (76614565)

1.45 Neighbours (T) (14298403)

2.10 Through the Keyhole (40155949) 2.40 International Tennis More from the third day of the Stella Artois Championships at Queen's Club (1877720)

3.20 World Cup 98 Live Coverage of the opening ceremony in Parls, followed by detending champions Brazil agains Scotland (Kick-off 4.30pm) (40507478)

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6.30 News (T) and weather (565) 7.00 Regional News (4381)

7.30 Tomorrow's World A breakthrough in breast cancer treatment; baby-care innovations, including an automatic rocker, and a nappy fitted with an alarm (749). 8.00 Children's Hospital Since falling down a

lift shalt, Steven has been unable to walk; a two-year-old with kidney failure; and neurosurgeons prepare to reconstruct a child's deformed nose (T) (3229) 8.30 The National Lottery Draw Carol Smillie's return sees the arrival of Lionel

Ritchie and Destree (T) (941836) 8.45 Points of View (T) (626377) 9.00 News (T) and weather (1300)

9.29 National Lottery Update (T) (418584) 9.30 Out of Hours Tempers become trayed over Paul's reaction to a man refusing treatment for his son's throat condition (1)

10.20 The Human Body: Raging Teens A 12-year-old gri's experiences of puberty are sympathetically followed by Robert Winston (T) (924213) WALES: 10.20 John Charles (717652) 10.25 A Life Elsewhere (494519) 10.55 The Human Body (621229) 11.45 World Cup 98 (766316) 12.50am FiLM: Lethal Lolita (3061782) 2.15 News (8740140) 2.20

11.10 World Cup 98: Match of the Day Highlights of today's opening games in France, including Brazil's curtain-raiser with Scotland, and Morocco v Norway (T)

12.15am Lethal Lolita (1992) True-life drama with Noelle Parker as Amy Fisher, the love-struck teenager who shot her alleged older lover's wife. Directed by Bradford May (1944633)

1.40 Weather (7964324) 1.45 BBC News 24

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6.10am Evaluating Pre-School Education (7000768) 6.35 Statistical Sciences (1) (2073584)

7.00 Teletubbles (r) (2220229) 7.25 The Flintstones (2136836) 7.50 Bright Sparks (r) (T) (2867497) 8.15 Funky Phantom (7426861) 8.35 The Greedysaurus Gang (r) (7709671) 8.45 The Record (4419836)

9.10 Landmarks (T) (1110300) 9.30 Pathways of Belief (8381045) 9.45 Words and Pictures (8206300) 10.00 Telefubbles (r) (22958) 10.30 Numbertime (5523869) 10.45 Marsalis on Music (8699300) 11.40 Watch Out (2445671) 11.55 Teaching Today (6824756)

12.30pm Working Lunch (96958) 1.00 Barney and Friends (25775652) 1.05 Bananaman (25774923) 1.10 Alias Smith and Jones (r) (1023300)

2.00 International Tennis Coverage from Queen's Club on day three of the lournament (4983403) 2.40 Westminster (T) (6004565) 3.30 News

(T) regional news and weather (6538403) 3.35 Playdays (r) (8531478) 3.55 Hububb. To You (1) (5197942) 4.35 The Demon Headmaster (r) (1) (5978671) 5.00 Newsround (1) (1157465) 5.10 Blue Peter (T) (6566403)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (989720) 6.00 Watch Out Measures to reintroduce otters; peregrine faicons; swan cygnets; butterfly conservation (855) 6.30 International Tennis More from Queen's Club (26132)



Nicky Campbell examines relations between Scotland and England (7.30)

7.30 Leviathan The Scots grudge against the English; how the 1958 World Cup differed from this year's mammoth event (T) (519) 8.00 The House Detectives Juliet Morris and the team investigate an intriguing Georgian house in Ironbridge, built close to the industrial area by the River Severn

8.30 Home Front Lighting; replacements for nets and drapes (T) (7478)

9,00 To Catch a Killer (1/2) Based on America's most notorious serial killer John Wayne Gacy, responsible for the brutal murder of 33 young men. With Brian Dennehy, Michael Riley and Margot Kidder (T) (9671)

10.30 Newsnight (T) (T) (517687) 11.15 Made in Manchester (379478) 11.45 Gogs (599671) 12.00 The Midnight Hour (70546)

12.30am Learning Zone: The Interactive Zone (3566966) 12.45 Relative Risk (8923188) 1,35 The Physics of Ball Games (8656256) 2.00 The German Collection (24985) 4.00 The Travel Hou France (42527) 5.00 Relieving the Pressure (25492) 5.30 Clear, Clean and

6.00am GMTV (2713942) 9.25 This Morning (T) (4524652) 9.30 Vanessa (T) (1.088300)

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and Away (1) (19855) 2.00 The Jerry Springer Show (1) (4898381) 2.45 Waffle Oulz show with guests Kriss Akabusi and (the late) Kevin Lloyd from The Bill (1) (121768) 3.15 News (9315045)

3.20 Regional News (9312958) 3.25 Potamus Park (r) (9222381) 3.35 Titch (r) (8184584) 3.45 Stim Pig (r) (8164720) 4.00 Chalterhappy Ponies (r) (T) (6911855) 4.10 Garfield and Friends (2392861) 4.25 Walter Meton (T) (5189923) 4.50 How 2 (r) (3271279) 5.10 Home and Away (r) (1) (3352045)

5.40 News (T) and weather (897300) 6.00 WALES: Wales Tonight (T) (381) 6.00 The West Tonight (381) 6.30 Emmerdale The rugby match ends in chaos (T) (861)

7.00 Coronation Street Darren's (ate horrifies Leanne (T) (6749)



Egil Olsen will be hoping for a good start for Norway (7.30pm)

7.30 World Cup 98 Live: Morocco v Norway afternoon's opening ceremony and the opening match between current holders Brazil and Scotland. Followed by live Montpellier between Morocco and National Lottery Result (1) (708519)

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10.00 News at Ten (T), weather and Lottery Result (85300)

10.30 Regional News (T) (630687) 10.40 Fantasy World Cup Live presented by Frank Skinner, David Baddiel, Jeff Astle, Statto and guests, now broadcasting three times a week during the World Cup (799749)

11.15 Wednesday Night Live Topical debate nosted by Nicky Campbell and Mary Nightingale (873045) 12.20am Renegade (7901850)

1.20 World Cup 98 - Encore! Coverage of Brazil v Scotland in Pans (128091) 3.05 Fantasy World Cup (r) (9138237)

3.40 Cybernet Lucy Longhurst with the latest focusing on leisure and the latest console and PC games (86350850) 4.10 Vanessa (r) (T) (92730459)

4.40 ITV Nightscreen (20257898) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) 5.30 News (68701)

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12.15am Midnight Caller (790879) 3,30 Cybernet (86371343) 3.55 Vanessa (1427053)

4.35 Central Jobfinder '98 (6155324) 5.20 Asian Eye (5039898)

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12.15pm Westcountry News (1256039) 12.27-12.30 Illuminations (9151756) 1.00 Emmerdale (57132) 1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (5842132) 6.00-6.30 Westcountry Live (381)

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1.30 Flamenco (76714519) 1.35 The Three Stooges (b/w) (21032565) 1.55 The Divided Heart (1954) Ealing drama with Yvonne Mitchell and Michael Rey. A woman thought to have died in Auschwitz

concentration camp returns to claim her son from the foster parents who have raised him. Directed by Charles Crichton (T) (80809132)

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Lake (7743749) 5.30 Pet Rescue (1) (710) 6.00 Party of Five (1) (329861)

6.50 Fresh Pop (r) (1) (976942) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (705107)

7.55 The Windrush Years The Rev Al completing became involved with the resource involved with the resource church of God (T) (268720) completing a theology degree and became involved with the New Testament

8.00 Brookside Lindsey decides to stand up to Gary (T) (3039)

8.30 The Italian Kitchen Ruth
Rogers and Rosie Gray of the River Café create chargrilled monkfish and scallop skewered on a rosemary stick, served with anchovy and rosemary sauce (T) (8774)

9.00 ER: A Hole in the Heart Baby Josh recovers from the rapid detox tre



Ally (Calista Flockhart) has to defend one of her employers (10.00pm)

10.00 Ally McBeal: Compromising Positions Ally detends the firm's founding partner on charges of soliciting a prostitute Calista Flockhart (T) (651855)

10.55 Jo Whiley (514590) 11.40 Board Stupid (r) (T) (713229) 12.15am Under the Moon: World Cup

guests look back at this alternoon's opening match between Scotland and 2.00 Trans World Sport (61091)

3.00 Gamesmaster (9137508) 3.35-5.50 The Firefly (1937, b/w) Romantic nette MacDonald and

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6.00am 5 News and Sport (8441132) 7.00 WideWorld (r) (T) (8624403) 7.30 Milkshake! (3554720) 7.35 Wind in the Willows (2464958) 8.00 Havakazoo (r) (4687923) 8.30 Dappledown Farm (r)

9.00 Natural Tales (r) (T) (4773774) 9.30 Russell Grant's Posicards (7118300) 9.35 The Oprah Winfrey Show (r)

(4138010) 10.25 Sunset Beach (T) (5847229) 11.10 Leeza (5749805) 12.00 5 News at Noon (T) (4680010) 12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (1) (4594923) 1.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (8623774) 1.30 Sons and Daughters (4593294) 2.00 Open House with Gloria Hunniford (9984652) 3.00 100 Per Cent Gold

Jack Warner, Robert Morfey and George Relph. A cricket hero prepares for his last game. Directed by Anthony Asquith (6834497) 3.30 The Final Test (1953, b/w) Cornedy with

5.10 The Oprah Winfrey Show: The Spice Girls Performance and chat (1561126) 6.00 100 Per Cent (5727841) 6.30 Family Affairs (T) (1022233)

7.00 5 News (T) (8114251) 7.30 The Peosi Chart includes a performance of Life, the new single from



Richard Chamberlain reprises his role as Father Ralph (8.00pm)

8.00 The Thorn Birds: The Missing Years (1/2) Mini-series that sees the return of Richard Chamberlain as the cleric tom between a woman (Amanda Donohoe) and the Church. Concludes tomorrow (T)

9.45 Within the Rock (1995) with Xander Berkeley, Caroline Barclay and Bradford Tatum. Sci-fi horror about a team of miners in space who uncover a deadly alien in a platinum chamber. Directed by Gary J. Tuncliffe (3937923) 11.15 The Jack Docherty Show (3510710)

11.55 Compromising Situations: Let Your Fingers Do the Walking Adult drama 12.30am Major League Baseball — Live

Jonathan Gould and Todd Macklin present coverage of a top game (52484166) 4.40 Monsters (13871879) 5.05 Throb (r) (12410879)

musical with Jeanette M Alian Jones (72730527) 5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (6295879)

• For further listings see Saturday's Vision

7.00um Tatiooed Teensge Afen Fighters from Beverly Hills (27297) 7.30 Games World (6994749) 7.45 The Simpsons (11566) 8.15 Opraf (1373671) 9.00 Hotel (64565) 10.00 Another World (15126) 11.00 Days of Our Lives (91590) 12.00 Mamed with Criticiren (13107) 12.30pm M*A*S*H (13720) 1.00 Geraldo (33403) 2.00 Saly Jessy Rephasi (65687) 3.00 Jerny Jones (13318) 4.00 Opraf (598231 5.00 Star Teek The Next Generation (5384) 8.00 The Namy Jones (345) 8.30 Married with Criticiren (6497) 8045) **6.30** Married with Children (6497) (8045) 6.30 Married with Chicaren (697) 7.00 The Simpsons (1213) 7.30 The Simpsons (5381) 8.00 Stargate SG-1 (74774) 9.00 The Ouer Limis (81010) 10.00 Friends (14836) 10.30 Friends (2584) 11.00 Star Trek: The Next Genera-tion (16855) 12.00 JFK Reckless Youth (98362) 1.00am Long Play (4487492)

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4.00pm Battle Hymn (1957) (7305213) 6.00 Bear Island (1960) (1842651) 8.00 Love You to Death (1990) (1758478) 10.00 Say Anything (1993) (2716671) 11.40 Badge of the Assassin (1985) (9644584) 1.15am Fright Night (1985) (8777430) 3.05 The Joison Story (1946) 194886729 5.10 (1998) 886782) 5.10 Close

9.00pm North by Northwest (1969) (90982861) 11.30 A Night at the Opera (1935) (166007:10) 1.15am The Barretts of Wimpole Street (1957) (5050489) 3.00 Boys Night Out (1962) (80451695) SKY SPORTS 1

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Football's legends gather to give World Cup fitting send-off



Pelė hopes that Ronaldo, wearing boots designed specially for the World Cup, can maintain the tradition of Brazilian brilliance. Photograph: Paulo Whitaker

Pele savours beautiful game

FROM ROB HUGHES IN PARIS

PARIS, before a ball is kicked in the World Cup today, has been a city of contrasts. On many streets, it is as if the shutters are still up, a population hiding behind them indifferent to the arrival of 32 national teams, to the hype and expectation of this game that, with luck, will unite the world as the games of the next four weeks are transmitted to billions of people wherever there is television and sport.

hide. The Scots are among them, on the streets in their kilts, drinking but inestimably friendly, merging with the vellow-clad Brazilians, with promptu language: the ball and the love of the thing. It is refreshing, especially after the odour of corruption that the sented two days ago.

Scotland. It may be a little nation, but its footballers are at the Stade de France today, where they kick off the World Cup against Brazil, the champions. There are those who will tell you that the result is a do not include Pelé. Whatever happens to him in life, Pelė is Le Roi. the king of his game. Taking lunch with him, and with two former great Brazil-

ian full backs, Nilton Santos whom they share an im-TIMES TWO OSSWORD Bergkamp [Holland] and, of course, Ronaldo [Brazill." He paused, savouring what

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and Carlos Alberto, plus Alfredo di Stefano, one of the finest Argentinians, in the centre of this capital city And what an honour for yesterday was to hear not only the reminiscence of old men bringing their eras to life, but also how the wonder of football still motivates and en-

> Pelé is the first to tell you, for example, with excitement level of football at this World Cup will be higher than before. Even more enthusiastically, he insisted: "All the biggest players, the good names in this World Cup, are forwards. Think back: it was Lothar Matthäus, the Germany midfield player or defender, who everyone said was the player of 1990, when this decade began. "Now it is [of Spain]. Zidane [France], Batistuta and Ortega Argentina]. Salas [Chile].

to justify his faith in attacking play, in flair, and then added: There is one I didn't mention. he is very young, like me when I began to play for Brazil-Michael Owen excites me very much. I'm sure if the coach thinks the time is right, that his age [18] will be no problem. In 1958. I was only 17: we had a psychologist who told us Pelé young. I think he was

he hopes will be a tournament

The quartet of former great international players hoped that somehow there will be maverick players prepared. perhaps because of their wealth and independence, to claim some freedom to express their skills over and above the oppressive tactical demands of

Hovering in the background at this gathering was Socrates, perhaps the last truly liberated Brazilian play-maker. He is a qualified doctor, has always smoked. but he bestrode the Brazil

team like the leader of a jazz quarter, playing to the rhythm in his head. He suggested yesterday that Brazil lacks a true midfield, that it possesses arguably the finest individuals in the world, but has a chasm

between defence and attack. Can Scotland exploit it? It would kick the tournament off spectacularly if the Scots could draw, never mind win, but if it was a consequence of defensive neurosis triumphing over attacking impetus, what then would it do for the games to follow?

Pelé spoke from the heart, "I want Brazil to win another World Cup, it is in my blood. but I don't know if Brazil is really a team. I don't think they have enough time to play together. I am worried that

Scotland could deny them." That the past masters were talking about the present. indeed about the future that kicks off tonight, was intriguing enough, but they had gathered because Mastercard had been foolish enough to nations to choose "the world football team of the 20th century."

To see some of their art in epia tones, to relive together with them the glorious moments of their careers, had me wondering whether, in today's repressive sporting times, the tactics would dull their craft. The answer, surely, is that theywere not talents that you could obliterate by any defensive means yet organised. Here, then, for better and not worse, is the XI:

Lev Yashin Carlos Alberto, Franz Beckenbauer. Bobby Moore, Nilton Santos — Johan Cruyff, Alfredo di Stefano, Michel Platini -Garrincha, Pelė, Diego

Their standards are relevant and so is their presence here, where the idea of a World Cup was first formed. because any young player earning millions today owes them a debt. They set the tradition: gentlemen of the world's 32 finalists, you may

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Sheringham left on bench in cloak-and-dagger operation

IN AN atmosphere of absurd and pointless secrecy. Glenn Hoddle squeezed one last warm-up game into England's pre-World Cup schedule last night and dropped a heavy hint that Teddy Sheringham may pay with his starting place in the opening group game against Tunisia on Monday for his indiscretions

in Portugal last week. In a match that Hoddle did his utmost to hide from prying eyes, he discarded Sheringham in favour of Michael Owen, the young man who has been threatening for some months to force his way into the first team alongside Alan Shearer. After all the positive things Owen has done to convince Hoddle of his worth, the irony is that it may be the foolishness of Sheringham that has finally

forced Hoddle's hand. As a cordon of police stopped all but a chosen few entering the stadium in Caen. England sneaked an unconvincing 1-0 win over the local side, who finished eighth in the French second division last season. Paul Scholes, playing in the central-midfield three with Paul Ince and David Beckham that many feel will start against Tunisia in Marscilles, scored the only goal in the 84th minute.

There was significance.

also, in the presence of Darren

Anderton in the right wing-

back role and of Rio Ferdi-

nand, playing at left wing-

back as cover for Graeme Le

Saux. Talented though the young West Ham United

sweeper is, it is hard to see his talents being best utilised in

Even Owen's opportunity. though, could be another of the red herrings that appear to obsess Hoddle and hamper his team's preparations. One interpretation of the game was that it was some sort of elaborate stunt. If playing Owen from the start last night

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was intended to throw people off the scent, so he could reintroduce Sheringham in Marseilles, what is the point

that position. "It was a very worthwhile exercise." Hoddle said, "not least because some players have not had match practice for a fortnight." of playing behind closed Most attention, though, een-

tres on the presence of Owen instead of Sheringham. Such is the Liverpool striker's burgeoning reputation that his odds to become the tournament's leading senter have shortened to 16-1. He has built up such a momentum that it seems increasingly difficult for Hoddle to leave him out.

Sheringham was not allowed off the substitutes bench last night in what is bound to be interpreted as a punishment for his indiscipline in Portugal, when he was photographed in a nightclub at bam, cigarette in one hand, karaoke singer in another. Steve McManaman, also in contention for a starting place now that Paul Gascoigne has departed, came on

as a late substitute for Owen.

FROM OLIVER HOLT, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT.

And so, as the Brazilian players flitted like carefree spirits around the lush turl of the Stade de France, putting the finishing touches to their preparations for the start of the tournament against Scot-land tonight. England were

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being spirited into Normandy in a cloak-and-dagger operation that made them look like shame-faced fugitives.

They were ferried from the small aerodrome at Caen to the ground, where a cordon of around the Michel d'Ornano stadium in an attempt to prevent the media from spying on the match that Hoddle had organised against the club's young reserve team.

All plans to keep his line-up

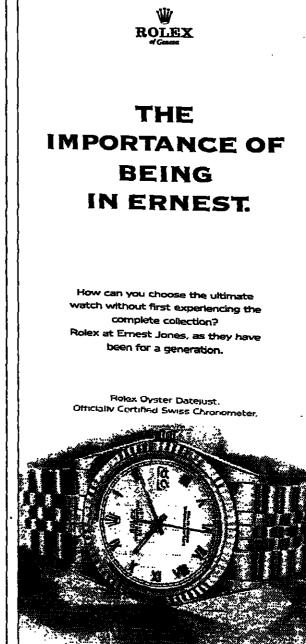
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thrown into disarray when the Football Association agreed to Caen's request to allow 200 VIP guests into the stadium, but the FA persisted with the sham of dissemblance by withholding details of Hoddle's starting side even as they were being leaked to French newspapers by journalists among the select invitation list. Hoddle's approach is at

odds with the rest of the countries competing here. It has raised fears about his ability to handle the pressure of the tournament and seems to have dissipated many of the positive feelings stemming from his decisive treatment of Gascoigne and firm stance with Sheringham.

It had already been noted that not only were England one of the last to announce their squad for the tournament but that, when yesterday dawned, they were one of only three teams, along with Tunisia and Holland, not to arrived in the host country.

From Caen, chosen because of Hoddle's friendship with Jean Dupeux, the club's general manager, and because of the more obvious merit of its geographical proximity to La Baule, where the squad will be based for the next three weeks, the players and staff flew to St Nazaire, where they left for their hotel. Perhaps now they will be allowed to get on with their preparations in an atmo-Sphere free of subjectinge.
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